

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING  
JESSIE MEDLIN, PRESIDENT 2002 , PRESIDING**

**January 7, 2002**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The January 7, 2002, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President 2001.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- Chief Deputy Charlie Brown -----Sheriff’s Dept.
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- Bill Austin-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the invocation.

**C. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES**

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

**D. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

In accordance with Section 19-3-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the members of the Board of Supervisors shall meet on the first Monday in January and shall organize by electing one of their number to be President, and by electing one of their number to be Vice President, and being so organized, and attended by the sheriff and clerk, the board may proceed to discharge its duties.

**1. Board President**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to nominate Supervisor Jessie Medlin as President of the Board. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to nominate Supervisor John Caldwell as President of the Board.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion to close the nominations. Board Attorney Bill  
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Austin advised the Board President to call for a show of hands for the nominations, or by secret ballot. The Board agreed to vote by a show of hands. Supervisor Jessie Medlin received three votes for Board President and Supervisor John Caldwell received two votes for Board President. By a majority vote, Supervisor Jessie Medlin is the Board President.

**2. Board Vice-President**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to nominate Supervisor Gerald Clifton as Vice President of the Board. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**F. NEW BUISINESS**

**1. Metal Detectors Courthouse – Randy Cannon BFI**

County Administrator David Armstrong said Jim Bearden, Director of Operations & Maintenance, had contacted him to see if there was someone who would donate some hand wand metal detectors to the County for the Courthouse. Mr. Armstrong said he contacted Randy Cannon from BFI, and Randy is here today to present two hand wand metal detectors as a donation to the County for the Courthouse.

Randy Cannon presented the metal protectors to the Board President Jessie Medlin and the County Administrator David Armstrong. Mr. Cannon said he and Jerry Burk, Municipal Personnel Director for BFI, were happy to be able to work with the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors and they appreciated all the help they provide to BFI. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board appreciated all the work that BFI has done for the County during the recent wind and flood damage throughout the County.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the presentation from BFI of the two hand wand metal detectors for the DeSoto County Courthouse and to add the detectors to inventory. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions & Employees**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to reaffirm the following appointments made by the Board of Supervisors with one exception of the District 3, Planning Commissioner until the February 4, 2002 Board meeting.

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>CURRENT APPOINTEE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CURRENT APPOINTMENT EXPIRES</u>
Board of Adjustments	Wayne D. Hollowell	1	2/4/2002
	Carlton Gatlin	2	2/4/2002
	Kinsey Wilhite	3	2/4/2002
	Ruthie House	4	2/4/2002
	Wayne Anderson	5	2/4/2002
Lewisburg Fire Prot. District	Eddie McNabb		2/4/2002
Summershill Fire District	Bill Scott		2/4/2002
Walls Fire Protection Dist.	Reed Stafford		2/4/2002

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Eudora Fire Prot. District	JoAnne Albritton		2/4/2002
City of Horn Lake Library Bd.	Amy Austin	3	2/4/2002
	Mary Deaton	4	2/4/2002
	Connie Sparks	4	2/4/2002
City of Olive Branch Lib. Bd.	Lelia Payne	1	2/4/2002
	Betty Collins	1	2/4/2002
	Gail Hanna	1	2/4/2002
City of Souhaven Library Bd.	Peggy Hall	1	2/4/2002
	Donna Bouchillon	2	2/4/2002
	Betty Moore	3	2/4/2002
License Commission	Ed Paseur	1	2/4/2002
	Dale Watson	2	2/4/2002
	Layton Allen "Pete"	3	2/4/2002
	Scott		
	John Harpole	4	2/4/2002
	David R. Johnson	5	2/4/2002
Massage Parlor Commission	Dale Thompson, Clerk	All	2/4/2002
Park Commission	Bill Welch	1	2/4/2002
	Mike Mullins	2	2/4/2002
	Dave Moore	3	2/4/2002
	Don Carnell	4	2/4/2002
	Bowdre Emerson	5	2/4/2002
Planning Commission	Len Lawhon	1	2/4/2002
	Julius Cowan, Jr.	1	2/4/2002
	Gail Massey	1	2/4/2002
	Charles W. McNemar	2	2/4/2002
	Leonard Lindsey	2	2/4/2002
	Edward Williams	2	2/4/2002
	Howard Blankinship	3	2/4/2002
	Layton Allen "Pete"	3	2/4/2002
	Scott		
	Mitch Mitchell	3	2/4/2002
	James Mayfield	4	2/4/2002
	Earl Ward	4	2/4/2002
	Claudia Niebanck	4	2/4/2002
	Jimmy L. Maxwell	5	2/4/2002
	Mike Robinson	5	2/4/2002
	Paul Whitfield, Jr.	5	2/4/2002
	Chamberlin/Nowak Law Firm	All	2/4/2002
Handicap Compliance Grev.	Trudy Haven	1	2/4/2002
	Sara Watkins	2	2/4/2002
	Marvin Graves	3	2/4/2002
	Barry Carter	4	2/4/2002
	Barbara Chamberlin	5	2/4/2002

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MS Area of Govt Rep.	Sup. John Caldwell	All	2/4/2002
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Jury Commissioners	James Sandy	Chancery	2/4/2002
Mid-State Opportunity Board	Sup. Jessie L. Medlin	All	2/4/2002
North Central MS Resource Conservation & Development	Sup. John Caldwell	All	2/4/2002
North Delta Plang & Develop.			
Board of Supervisors	Tommy Lewis	All	2/4/2002
Minority Representative	Charlie Reese	All	2/4/2002
City of Olive Branch	Mayor Sam Rikard	All	2/4/2002
At Large Representative	Lorine Cady	All	2/4/2002
Deputy Medical Exam. Invest.	Billy Baldwin	All	2/4/2002
DeSoto Co. Tax Advisory Co.	Harold Nichols	BOS	2/4/2002
	Joey Treadway	Tax Coll.	2/4/2002
	Parker Pickle	Tax	2/4/2002
		Assess	
	W.E."Sluggo" Davis	Chancery	2/4/2002
	David Armstrong	Cnty	2/4/2002
		Admin	
DeSoto Council	Chris Chreely	Council	2/4/2002
	Murray Scott	Council	2/4/2002
	Harvey Ferguson	Council	2/4/2002
	Chamberlin/Nowak	BOS	2/4/2002
	Law		
Regional Utility Authority	B. J. Page	OliveBranch	2/4/2002
	Robert Ramage	BOS	2/4/2002
Equine Committee	Allan Niblett	1	2/4/2002
	Lorine Cady	2	2/4/2002
	Becky Akers	3	2/4/2002
	Greg Speltz	4	2/4/2002
	Lim Crouch	5	2/4/2002
	Sup. Jessie L. Medlin	BOS	2/4/2002
	Sup. Tommy Lewis	BOS	2/4/2002
	Art Smith, Cnty.	Ext. Svc.	2/4/2002
	Agent		
	Sandy Slocum, Hm.	Ext. Svc.	2/4/2002
	Econ.		

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked to appoint Layton Allen “Pete” Scott, 8745 Hwy. 301 N., Walls, Ms., phone number 662-781-3094 as the District 3 Planning Commissioner position, to replace Pat Koehler. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to appoint Layton Allen “Pete” Scott, 8745 Hwy. 301 N., Walls, Ms., phone number 662-781-3094 as the District 3 Planning Commissioner. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.2\*\***

**ITEM F, CONTINUED,**

**3. Accounting – Comptroller – Joyce Riales**

**a. Approval of Late Bill – James E. Hayes**

County Administrator David Armstrong said a late bill on the Fairhaven Fire Department to James E. Hayes Construction, in the amount of \$72,155.50, was not on

the claims docket and it needs to be approved by the Board for payment. Jim Bearden has approved the bill for payment. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the late bill for payment to James E. Hayes Construction in the amount of \$72,155.50. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.3.a\*\***

**b. Claims Docket**

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks, accounting clerk, presented the supplementary claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of January 7, 2002. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if anyone had any problems with the bills as presented. 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 Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller in the amount of \$2,131,031.83. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.3.b\*\***

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the cellular bills in the amount of \$605.40 and \$569.77 was entirely too high for the County to be paying. County Administrator David Armstrong said he had talked with the Judges regarding these charges on their cellular phones. Mr. Armstrong said they stated the calls were related to court cases. Mr. Armstrong said the Judges have been put on a nationwide calling plan for their cellular phones and this should reduce the bills on their phones. Supervisor Thach said that mobile phones are government phones and should be used only for that and not for personal use. Supervisor John Caldwell requested the County Administrator to put out a letter to all personnel who have County cellular phones about their usage. No motions were made on this.

**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.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how the downturn in the economy will affect the budget projections for interest income. Joyce Riales said the projections were taken down some, but it is hard to say how the year will end.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Peoples Bank & Trust, who was the high bidder that placed their bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CD#</u>
1/4/02	Peoples Bank	\$6,000,000	4/12/02	98	2.033%	92582526

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.3.c\*\***

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**4. Central Maintenance – Interim Road Manager**

Pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, Interim County Road Manager Billbo Williams presented the Road Report for November 26, 2001 thru December 21, 2001 and the Work Schedule for the month of January 2002.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how the shoulder gravel is coming. Mr. Williams said they are working on this and only have a few roads still to be done.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the following reports:

**a. Road Report and Work Schedule**

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

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the acquisition of right of way on Tulane east of Church Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said Daniel Murphy, Consulting County Engineer, had asked if the County wants him to get all the parcels ready on Church Road from Pleasant Hill Road to Tulane Road. Supervisor John Caldwell said the County needs to cut down the hill on Tulane Road. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the County can't acquire the right of way until the engineering is done, in order to know how much land would be required. Mr. Austin said when the hills are cut down, it might call for a different amount of land for the right of way. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested that the new County Engineer Andy Swims should coordinate with Daniel Murphy to see what needs to be done.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said Mr. Swims should work with Daniel Murphy to do the survey and then he could tell the Board how much land would be required for the right of way. Supervisor Thach asked if the five lanes for Church Road had been approved and if not, maybe the County could do overlay on Church Road unless there are construction easement problems. Supervisor Thach said Church Road from Getwell Road to Elmore Road would need to have the acquisition right of way and that to consider this being done on both sides of Church Road to cut down on the amount of property necessary from the homeowner. Supervisor Thach said the County should talk curb and gutter on Church Road from Getwell to Elmore because of the homes located on Church Road.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said to have Daniel Murphy to come to the Board for direction to be given in areas of concern. Supervisor John Caldwell stated that Tulane Road needs to be resurfaced and he would like to widen it also before repaving to save cost, but if we cut the hills down and do two lanes paving is necessary if we don't widen the road.

Mr. Williams said Church Road West would be opened from Hwy 301 to Hwy 61 this year.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said for the County Administrator to see if Daniel Murphy could be present on the January 16, 2002 Board Meeting to discuss various road projects in the County. Supervisor John Caldwell agreed the Board needs to know the status of these projects to recommend the 2002 paving contract and the Four Year Road Plan this year.

**ITEM F.4, CONTINUED,**

**b. Road Bond Report**

Interim Road Manager Billbo Williams presented the Road Bond Report to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Apple Creek Meadows subdivision should have the shoulder gravel down before the reduction in the bond amount. Mr. Williams said he would verify that requirement with the Subdivision Inspector.

Mr. Williams recommended the following bonds to be released or reduced:

<b><u>Subdivision</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
Apple Creek Meadows	Reduce from a \$40,000 Final Construction to a \$10,000 Maintenance Bond.
Delta Bluffs, Ph.I	Reduce from a \$55,000 Final Construction to a \$20,000 Final Construction Bond to cover final lift of asphalt on Delta Bluffs Pkwy. And a \$11,000 Maintenance Bond for all other streets.
Bridgemoore "C"	Reduce from \$100,000 Initial Construction Bond To a \$40,000 Final Construction Bond.
Southern Grace Estates	Reduce from a \$18,000 Final Construction Bond to A \$4,500 Maintenance Bond.
Spencer Place	Reduce from \$15,000 to a \$12,000 Final Construction Bond.
Shadow Oaks "B"	Reduce the \$6,000 Maintenance Bond and put under County Maintenance.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the Road Bond Report as presented by the Interim Road Manager Billbo Williams. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.4.b\*\***

#### **c. Road Inspection Report and Four Year Road Plan**

Section applicable to any County, which is required to operate on a countywide system of road administration in conformance with Section 19-2-3.

Each member of the Board of Supervisors shall inspect every road and bridge in the County under the jurisdiction of the County not later than December 31, 1989, and, thereafter, not less than once each fiscal year. Each member shall file with the clerk of the board a report, under oath, of the condition of the roads and bridges inspected by him with recommendations by him for a four-year plan for construction and major maintenance of such roads and bridges. Based upon such reports, the Board of Supervisors shall, on or before February 1, 1990, and on or before February 1 of each year thereafter, adopt and spread upon its minutes a four-year plan for the construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges. The plan may be amended at any time by a vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors. Mississippi Code Annotated 65-7-117. Inspection of roads; reports.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the Road Inspection Report as presented by the Interim Road Manager Billbo Williams. 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 F.4.c\*\***

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#### **5. Approval for County Engineer to sign Purchase Requisitions**

The Mississippi Code, Section 31-7-101, states that the Supervisors of each County in the State shall establish a Central Purchasing System, with approval of the Board of Supervisors, and shall authorize personnel to sign purchasing requisitions when necessary. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the County Engineer Andy Swims to be able to sign

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purchase requisitions. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**6. Approval for County Engineer Cellular Phone Contract**

Supervisor John Caldwell said the County starts out with the small package for cellular phones and then we have high cellular bill for minutes being used. We should look at the high packages necessary for personnel that would be using the phones to eliminate such high bills.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the

motion to approve the Cellular Phone Contract with Cingular for a monthly fee of \$29.99 which includes 250 minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**\*\*See Exhibit F.6\*\***

**7. Approval of Homestead Assessments**

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the petitions for reduction of tax assessments and notice to increase the assessment of real and personal property as recommended by the DeSoto County Tax Assessor on the following parcels:

**Owner Personal Tax Roll 2001 Parcel Number**

Car Wash Services	2664-000
Union Planters Bank	1273-004
Burkeen Construction	1565-001
Total Wash Systems	991-000
Jerry Walls	718-001
Goodman Rd. Food Plaza	427-000
That Pet Place	250-000
Tobacco Superstore	425-000
Glen's Garage	1579-000
Sprint PCS	1688-000
EZ Packaging	2432-000
DeSoto Osteopathic	2591-000
Park Place Apartments	2623-000
Private Collection	580-000
Rite Aid Corp	1002-000
Magnolia Lighting	1427-002
Whitfield Electric	1427-001
Union Planters Bank	1273-003
Old Navy #6135	2548-000
Mobex Communications Inc.	2700-000

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<b>Owner</b>	<b>Real Tax Roll 2001</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>
Bowles, Oscar Estate		3099-3000.0-00005.00
The Better Homes Co. LLC		2066-2301.0-00025.00
Allen, Robert D.		1069-2900.0-00012.01
Legendary Development Corp		1079-2908.0-00043.00
Segura, Ramon Etux		1074-1904.0-00568.00
Brown, Donald O.		1074-1905.0-00822.00
Bacchus, Mario Etux		1074-2000.0-00007.01
Thyot, Angela D.		1079-3024.0-00026.00
Noel, Mark A.		1085-2206.0-01669.00
Newman, Mark Etux Etal		1086-2410.0-00217.00
Valdez, Martin Etux		1088-3401.0-00168.00
Wallace, Frank		1088-3402.0-00619.00
Wallace, Marsha Lou		1088-3402.0-00990.00
Story, Patricia L. Haley		2099-3203.0-00075.00
Baddley, Kerstin L.		3074-1806.1-00058.00
Banton, James A. Etux		3094-2000.0-00011.00
Bray, Richard Kevin, Etux		3097-3601.0-00041.00
Brooksbank, Walter P. Etux		2076-2301.0-00008.00
Williams, Monulette Etal		1087-2600.0-00002.02
Bryant, Kristy Y.		2068-2700.0-00005.01
Worley, Johnny L. Jr. Etux		1079-3002.0-01580.00
Dancer, James C. Etux		2081-0101.0-00122.00
Dancer, James C. Etux		2081-0101.0-00123.00
Davis, Wilton A.		3086-1301.1-00013.00
Duhamel, James F. III		3094-1901.0-00122.00
Griffing, Carolyn H.		1069-2907.0-00444.00
Gomez, Refujio C. Etux		1086-2313.0-01202.00
Gist, Karen W.		1086-2313.0-01234.00
Holloway, Justine K.		1069-2906.0-00244.00
Langen, Jimmie Guest		1068-2806.0-00002.00
Holub, Bertha		1085-2205.0-01551.00
Isbell, Ronny S. Etux		1088-3301.0-00755.00
Jones, Angela F. Etal		1088-3303.0-01766.00
Hernandez, Mario, Etux		1088-3302.0-01014.00
Howell, Charles Sr.		1088-3402.0-00399.00
Lee, Charles H. Etux		1088-3402.0-00636.00
Lambert, Con Etux		3073-0609.0-00207.00
Mason, Barbara B.		1079-3003.0-01813.00
Miller, Charles Ray Jr.		1079-3025.0-00073.00
Miller, Charles Andy Etal		1088-3305.0-02254.00
McLeroy, Clara S. Estate		2065-2100.0-00024.01
Masters, Richard G. Etux		2081-0104.0-00155.00
Mousie, James M.		2081-0104.0-00159.00
McCollum, Gary M. Etux		3074-1852.3-00029.00
Rigsby, Hershel		1088-3401.0-00245.00
Raby, Denville L. Etux		2082-0300.0-00016.00
Morgan, David		2079-2900.0-00017.00
NMS Mental Health Foundation		3086-1300.4-00029.00
Moffitt, Kurt A. Etux		1065-2217.0-00396.00
Stubblefield, Custom Homes LLC		1087-2618.0-00108.00
Chester, Ray F. Jr.		4086-1301.0-00023.00
Morrow, Lewis Jr.		3081-0200.0-00001.00
Everage, James R. Etux		2052-0904.0-00026.00
OakLeaf Builders Inc.		2066-2301.0-00047.00

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Southern Lifestyle Homes Inc.	2066-2301.0-00069.00
OK Golf Construction LLC	2063-0804.0-00002.00
Endeavor Group LLC	1079-3028.0-00009.00
Pestana, Jose A. Etux	3072-0401.0-00006.00
Keystone, LLC	1059-3206.0-00236.00
Keystone, LLC	1059-3204.0-00039.02
Endeavor Group LLC	1079-3028.0-0009.1
Herbert D. Hunt Etux	1077-3602.0-00005.00
Mickey Marcum Etux	1088-2822-00304.00
Ernie J. Viglietti Etux	3094-1900.0-00011.00
Ronald D. Mann Etux	3095-1603.0-00001.00
Matthew W. James	2059-3104.0-00001.00
Timothy C. Huey Etux	1059-3007.0-00175.00
Ron Donalson Etux	189-3209.0-00048.00
Brad Lyons Etal	2066-2301.0-00027.00
Hugh Basinger	2071-1207.0-00040.00

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

**8. Approval to Remove Tom Childress from the list of Approved to Sign Requisitions**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to remove Tom Childress from the County list of those approved to sign requisitions. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**9. Workers Compensation – Local Agent**

County Administrator David Armstrong said at the suggestion of the County’s new Workers Compensation Insurance carrier MPE, the County might want to look for a local agent to handle claims for the County. Mr. Armstrong said he contacted Rick Stallings to see if he would be interested, since he was already acquainted with the County claims. Mr. Armstrong said an agent normally gets between 6% to 10% to handle claims, but he had negotiated with Mr. Stallings for a 4% fee. Mr. Armstrong said the cost of insurance with MPE was \$303,161 and at 4% this would be an additional \$12,126 for an agent fee, making the total cost of \$315,287, which the money is in the budget to cover this amount.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said an agent can review claims and make suggestions on how to improve areas of concern. Supervisor John Caldwell said claims should be reviewed prior to payment or prior to being submitted for payment.

Mr. Armstrong said MPE has one agent for the whole State to handle claims. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there was anything in writing from MPE about services to be provided to the County. Supervisor Lewis said the main issue for the County is to bring down the workers comp claims. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the insurance company, MPE, should handle the expense to provide an agent to handle claims. Supervisor Lewis said the County needs someone working on to improve the County’s liability. Mr. Armstrong said he could not guarantee the County would save money by having their own agent, but if claims are not addressed, companies will not quote on insurance for the County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if MPE would work with a local agent regarding claims. Mr. Armstrong said they suggested a local agent be used.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he could see justification for a local agent, but not enough to vote on it today. The County needs to be able to cut off claims before they go to the insurance company for payment. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said all claims, whether from an elected official or from the County, should come through the personnel department to process. Supervisor Caldwell said that MPE should be

informed that if  
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they don't see Vickie Richmann's signature on the claim they are to reject it and return it to her. Mr. Armstrong said he would set up this procedure.

Supervisor Caldwell said the insurance agent position should be made public to be considered, since there are other individuals who could handle claims as an agent for the County. Supervisor Thach restated that MPE should be responsible for the agent and any fees. Supervisor Caldwell suggested to clarify the requirements for an agent and to ask for bids. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County must give the directions on how to handle claims.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to take under advisement the use of a local agent being used to handle County Workers Compensation claims for MPE the County insurance carrier. The Board directed the County Administrator to proceed with the request for a proposal of the County requirements for an agent. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.9\*\***

## **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. Mid State Opportunity – Bus for Handicap**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the request for bus rides to jobs for handicapped people has been an issue for the County by several DeSoto County residents. Supervisor Lewis said he had received a phone call from a resident who had seen an article in the newspaper where the County had plans to purchase a handicap bus for this purpose and he wanted to get on the list to be picked up. Supervisor Lewis said Vanessa Lynchard has received a letter from Mitzi Woods, Planner for Mid-State Opportunity, Inc., regarding their proposal for \$12,948 from the County, to be able to run two buses both shifts to DeSoto Industries. Supervisor Lewis said that Ms. Woods had requested an additional \$10,400 for the maintenance and fuel requirements for the two buses. Supervisor Lewis said that Mid-State has a waiting list for ten to twelve people, who need transportation to DeSoto Industries. Vanessa Lynchard said that she has not called any of these people regarding transportation, until she checked with DeSoto Industries to see how many openings they have.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said a lady in Olive Branch has a child who needs transportation to work and she had asked him to check to see what needed to be done. Supervisor Medlin said the County bought the buses for Mid-State and he would like to see them running to capacity.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the buses are not handicap accessible and we may need to purchase a bus that is handicap accessible. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County did not have a voice in the purchase of the buses when they were bought, but they are not equipped for the handicapped.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that Allied Industries in Olive Branch does rehab to get people back into the work world and DeSoto Industries works with handicapped people only, so there is a need for both types of buses. Supervisor Medlin said the buses are titled to Mid-State and the request for the money for maintenance and fuel might be a problem.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County could look at a bus for the handicapped, but asked what size would be required by Mid-State. Supervisor Medlin said to check with

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the School Board to see if they have an available bus that could be used and get rid of the other bus at a later date.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to take the request from Mid-State Opportunity for funds in the amount of \$23,348 under advisement and bring back a recommendation to the Board meeting on January 16, 2001. The Board requested the County Administrator to talk with the School Board regarding a handicapped bus and to check to see what jobs were available at DeSoto Industries. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit H.1\*\***

**2. Homestead Adjustments**

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

<b>PARCEL NUMBER &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>PARCEL NUMBER &amp; LOCATION</b>
1079-3025.0-00083.00 – Southaven	1086-2312.0-01034.00 – Southaven
1078-3401.0-00003.00 – Southaven	1086-2310.0-00620.00 – Southaven
1069-3000.0-00020.00 – Olive Branch	1067-3523.0-00046.00 – Olive Branch
2064-1700.0-0002.05 – Olive Branch	1077-2603.0-00015.00 – Olive Branch
1077-2603.0-00013.00 - Olive Branch	2063-0801.0-00023.00 – Olive Branch
1086-2407.0-00443.00 – Southaven	1086-2304.0-00079.00 - Southaven
1086-2310.0-00708.00 – Southaven	1086-2310.0-000621.00 – Southaven
1079-3103.0-00132.00 – Southaven	1069-3000.0-00008.00 – Olive Branch
1069-2905.0-00122.00 – Olive Branch	3074-1901.0-00072.00 – Hernando
1059-3205.0-00163.00 – County	3081-0200.0-00009.00 – County
2078-2700.0-00003.00 – County	2083-0603.0-00203.00 – County
3088-3300.0-00004.00 – County	4086-1301.0-00022.00 – County

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit H.2\*\***

**3. Overlay Contract**

The Interim Road Manager Billbo Williams said he has been riding the roads inspecting the road conditions and talking with each Supervisor for the area inspected. Supervisor John Caldwell said that the Board of Supervisors should complete their road condition list for their area, so that the County could go out for bids on the overlay contract as soon as possible. No motions were made on this item. **\*\*See Exhibit H.3\*\***

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion, to recess the meeting until January 16, 2002 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 7<sup>TH</sup>. day of January 2002, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Jessie Medlin, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors