

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JESSIE MEDLIN, PRESIDENT 2002, PRESIDING**

**January 16, 2002**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The January 16, 2002, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, 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
- Chief Deputy Charlie Brown -----Sheriff’s Dept.
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- Bill Austin -----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

Supervisor John Caldwell presented the invocation.

**C. PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission. **\*\*See Exhibit C\*\***

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1.Purchase of Handicap Van for Mid State Opportunity**

Vanessa Lynchard, Director of Administrative Services, said she spoke to Teresa Herron at DeSoto Industries to get a list of people who need rides to DeSoto Industries. She stated there were five (5) people on her list who need a ride to work and back home. Vanessa said Mid State advised the capacity of the bus is nine (9) people. Ms. Lynchard said that if it was legal for Central Maintenance to do the maintenance on the buses for Mid State, and Mid State approves this approach, this could bring down the cost from \$10,400 to \$2,000 for the maintenance. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would rather the County provide this service rather than expend the money.

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had called Wendall Davis at the School Board regarding an additional handicap bus, and he is waiting to hear back from him. Mr. Armstrong said the buses they now run have a 15-passenger capacity, but because of the handicap of the individuals the van can only hold 9 people. If an additional driver is hired, this will allow for both buses to run morning and evening.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he had received a call from an individual about the **ITEM D.1, CONTINUED,**

County buying a handicap bus, and he wasn't aware the Board was going to buy a bus. Supervisor Medlin said yes, the Board did discuss buying a bus. Supervisor Thach asked could the existing vans be made handicap accessible. Mr. Armstrong said the vans are not titled to the County.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that DeSoto Industries has provided the names of the people who have been on the waiting list a long time for transportation. Some of these parents are taking these individuals now. Supervisor Medlin said that DeSoto Industries stated they only have openings for two people at this time. Vanessa said the reduced expense would be \$14,948 being provided to Mid State to operate the buses morning and evening. Mr. Armstrong said this is an addition to their existing budget.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County should get an Attorney General's Opinion regarding the County providing maintenance on the buses, per the Board Attorney. Vanessa said that Mid State would need to advertise for a driver for the bus to run the extra route. Supervisor Medlin said the County would need a contract with Mid State about this commitment or a written commitment that the funding would continue as long as Mid State offered full service to DeSoto Industries.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to get an Attorney General's Opinion regarding the County to provide maintenance and fuel for the Mid State buses. 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 D.1\*\***

## **E. NEW BUISINESS**

### **1. Approval To Use Courthouse Lawn on March 12 (11:00 – 12:00) for Children's Prayer Service for Children of the World – Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>**

County Administrator David Armstrong said Bishop John Moore from Senatobia had called to request permission from the Board of Supervisors to use the Courthouse Lawn on March 12, 2002 for the hours of 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, for the purpose of a Prayer Service for the Children of the World, Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Armstrong said the Methodist Church is sponsoring this.

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations & Maintenance, asked if power would be needed for any sound system. Mr. Armstrong said that he would have to check on that, since nothing was mentioned or requested.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the use of the Courthouse Lawn on March 12, 2002 for the hours of 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, for the purpose of a Prayer Service for the Children of the World, Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>. 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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## 2. Approval to Bid to Re-roof the Extension Office Building

County Administrator David Armstrong said he and Jim Bearden, Director of Operations & Maintenance, have discussed the need to repair the roof on the Extension Office building. Mr. Bearden said the cost would be around \$15,000. Mr. Bearden said the roof has just been patched in the last few years and since it is a flat roof, there is extensive repair necessary due to all the rains this year. Mr. Armstrong said the 701 Budget fund has the money to do this project. Mr. Bearden said that he hopes when this project goes out for bid, it would come in under the \$15,000 that he has estimated the cost to be.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if it would be possible to build a roof over the top of the existing flat roof similar to the ones at the schools. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he would recommend a metal roof. Mr. Bearden said there is not enough money in the budget for the conventional roof or the metal roof. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like for the Building & Grounds to look into the County building the hip roof and getting the estimates necessary.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize to go out for bids to re-roof the Extension Service Office Building and to take an alternative on a new conventional hip roof or metal roof for the Extension Office Building. 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. Bids Under Advisement – Election Equipment

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County has received bids for the Optical Scan Election Equipment. Mr. Armstrong said there are several issues pro and con, but the main concern for the County is what the Federal Legislative bill would recommend. Mr. Armstrong said the Hoyer Bill has passed the House of Representatives and is going into the Senate. The House has approved \$2.6 billion for the election reforms, but the Senate's proposal is for \$3.4 billion. Mr. Armstrong said if the County purchases the Optical Scan Election Equipment and pays the price, would the County be grand fathered in to receive reimbursement funds from the Federal Government.

Mr. Armstrong said that the Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson and the Election Commission Chairman Ted Mayhall has come today to discuss the issues and concerns they have regarding the purchase of the election equipment. Mr. Armstrong said a primary election would be held in the County in June and that a general election would be held in the County on November 5, 2002. Mr. Armstrong said if the Board of Supervisors would award bid, they need the time for training and want to do a test run at the June elections. Mr. Armstrong said the Justice Department approval for the election equipment would take sixty days and the County could award the bid contingent on their approval. Mr. Armstrong said the Board of Supervisors authorized going out for bids and there were three companies that bids specs were sent to. They were ES&S Election Systems Software, Global Election System and Shoup Voting Solutions. The proposal from ES&S for a lease purchase on equipment was the only one to submit a bid and it was for a cost of \$259,000.

Mr. Armstrong said the Board has requested to get a final commitment from the Cities for the election equipment and they have sent letters stating their commitment; Southaven amount is \$50,000; Olive Branch amount is \$30,000; Horn Lake amount is

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\$30,000 and Hernando's amount is \$10,000, which totals \$120,000. Mr. Armstrong

said if the County takes the \$120,000 off the top, this would leave \$139,000 to be financed. Mr. Armstrong said he put \$62,500 in the budget, which put \$50,000 for principal and \$12,500 for lease. Mr. Armstrong said that Jeannine Ruby, Director of Purchasing, and Vanessa Lynchard, Director of Administrative Services, have worked to get the best interest rate for the election equipment and that the budget would be sufficient and be spread over a five year period.

Mr. Armstrong said based on all these facts he would recommend awarding the bid to ESS. Supervisor Eugene Thach recognized Mr. Henry Rider, the District 2 Election Commissioner. Supervisor Thach asked if anyone had contacted Senator Lott's office. Mr. Armstrong said there was a newspaper article stating that Senator Lott and Tom Dassel are supporting the Optical Scan Election equipment.

Dale Thompson said that there would be a reimbursement based on population and this would amount to \$6,000 per precinct and DeSoto County has thirty-three precincts. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if there would be any new precincts when the redistricting was completed. Mr. Armstrong said that we don't know yet on how the redistricting would affect the County's precincts. Mr. Armstrong said there is an issue with the wording on the proposed contract that has not been worked out and we might have a problem on the proposed contract that has to be changed per the Board Attorney.

Supervisor Thach asked where ESS was based. Mr. Steve Evans, ESS Representative, said the home office is based in Omaha, Nebraska, but he works out of Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Evans said his company services sixty-seven Counties in Mississippi and that Harrison County has the Optical Scan equipment that DeSoto County is looking at and that ESS services them.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there was a projected date that the Senate would take up the bill regarding the election reforms. Supervisor Lewis said he wants to make sure that DeSoto County gets the Federal money to offset the taxpayers' money. Mr. Armstrong said this should be the first bill out on January 23, when the Senate reconvenes. Supervisor John Caldwell said he wants to wait on Congress, and asked what would the expense be for the County to keep the punch card equipment for the upcoming elections? Mr. Ted Mayhall said the contract for the software and license agreement have not been paid for the punch card equipment. Mr. Armstrong said a contract has not been provided to the County for payment on the software and license fee. Supervisor Caldwell asked what the cost would be? Steve Evans said ES&S would support the punch card system in the election. Mr. Mayhall said the County can use the booths, but the money may not be available from the State and the City might resend their offer, and the County might not get Federal money if the punch card system is outlawed, then the County would have to be out all the cost for a new system. Supervisor Caldwell asked how long this bid was good for; 60 days or it might be 90 days?

Dale Thompson said Mr. Todd Mullen, from ES&S, met with the County Administrator, the Board Attorney, Mr. Ted Mayhall and Vanessa Lynchard to go over every item in the bid, but not all of the answers were received. They made notes on the things ES&S would provide to the County and the Cities. The software would be loaded on all PC's for the County and the Cities so the Cities won't have to bring in equipment to the Courthouse on municipal elections.

Ms. Thompson said DeSoto County is a leading County in economic growth and development. DeSoto County should be a leading County in election reform for election equipment, and as long as we use the punch card equipment we are liable.

Mr. Rider said he had to leave the meeting, but that the Board of Supervisors is charged

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to conduct elections regardless of the cost or anything else. Supervisor Caldwell said

he is all for the equipment, but doesn't want to put money in a system if Congress takes the retroactive wording out of the Bill. Supervisor Caldwell said the Board could make a ruling at the February 4 or January 28 Board meeting.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to carry the bid for Election Equipment over until the January 28, 2002 Board meeting, and for the Board to make a vote at that time. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Ms. Thompson asked that the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the Justice Department. Ms. Lynchard stated this has already been done. Mr. Mayhall said if the election commission members were not available to get trained in time, this would cause a problem for the County. Supervisor Caldwell said he is concerned that with the redistricting the thirty-three precincts count may be changed. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked that ESS give a price on additional equipment needed because of the redistricting. Mr. Evans said he would give the County an additional six months to purchase additional equipment at the same price. Mr. Armstrong said the County would need this is writing to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Evans said the County should be made aware that once the election reforms are made, there will be a great demand for equipment and the prices would be higher. **\*\*See Exhibit E.3\*\***

#### **4. Bids Under Advisement – E-911 UPS System**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board has received a letter from Mr. LaVan Gates, Chairman of E-911, along with a copy of a letter from Mr. Mark Brandt, of Brandt Engineering, recommending approval of the recent bid for the purchase of four Uninterruptible Power Supplies for E911 to McCrory Electric. Mr. Armstrong said the money was in the bond account to purchase this equipment.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked who was sitting in at the E911 meetings as the Attorney. E-911 has hired Jim Holland. Ms. Vanessa Lynchard said she had given this bid recommendation to the Chamberlin/Nowak Board Attorneys to review and they approved the recommendation. Supervisor John Caldwell said it looks like this bid had speeded out other bidders and that he would like a legal determination this had not been done. Mr. Armstrong said that E911 has an attorney who met with the Engineering Firm on this matter. Supervisor Thach said if the Board appointed the E911 members and the Engineer, that they should know whom the Attorney is also.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the bid as recommended. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County needs to make sure that the bidders were not speeded out. Supervisor Thach said the County brought Brandt Engineering on board to act as engineer for E-911. Supervisor Caldwell said he just wanted to make sure the specs were not too tight. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked to hold this item over and to meet with all bidders regarding the specifications to make sure they were not speeded out. Supervisor Thach withdrew his motion and Supervisor Medlin withdrew his second.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold this item over until the January 28<sup>TH</sup> Board Meeting. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**\*\*See Exhibit F.4\*\***

**5. Approval to Accept Bids for Helicopter Equipment**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County Aviation Unit has requested the Board of Supervisors declare the list of equipment as surplus equipment and authorize selling part of the equipment as surplus equipment and scrapping the equipment with no value.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to declare the following equipment as surplus equipment for scrapping and to go out for bid:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Action</u>
Transponder Transmitter p/n APX-72	DEE1174	Sell
“	DCN08921	Sell
“	1111A	Sell
“	DCN00152	Sell
Transponder Control Set p/n C-6280A	6149	Sell
“	9733	Sell
“	3893	Sell
Transponder Test Set p/n TS-1843A	11411	Sell
“	12356	Sell
“	5646	Sell
“	unknown (tag painted over)	Sell
Antenna Coupler p/n CU1894/A	0259	Scrap
“	013A	Scrap
“	0250	Scrap
Antenna p/n AS-1863/RN-83	1270	Scrap
VHF Transmitter p/n KTR 908	1257	Sell
“	P1006	Sell
“	P1015	Sell
“	1218	Sell
VHF Comm Control p/n KFS598	3297	Sell
“	2883	Sell
“	2818	Sell
“	2317	Sell
“	2825	Sell

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\*\***

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**Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess for lunch until 1:15 p.m. 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

**6. Approval to Bid**

**a. Janitorial Supplies**

County Administrator David Armstrong said it is time for the County to go out for bid on the janitorial supplies. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve going out for bid on the County janitorial supplies. 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

**b. Brentwood Utilities**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County is ready to go out for bid for the Brentwood Originals Development Utilities. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve going out to bid for the Brentwood Originals Development Utilities. 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.b\*\***

**7. Authorization to Open Bids for Sale of Wrecked Motorcycle, Feb. 1, 2002**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open the bids for the sale of the wrecked motorcycle on February 1, 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.7\*\***

**8. Authorization to take under Advisement Bids for Annual Supplies**

County Administrator David Armstrong said Jeannine Ruby, Director of Purchasing,  
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had sent out the bid specifications for the Annual Supplies for Central Maintenance. Mr. Armstrong said the request for bid was advertised twice in the *DeSoto Times Newspaper*. Mr. Armstrong said that Ms. Ruby has worked closely with Vanessa Lynchard, Director of Administrative Services, and Billbo Williams, Interim Road

Manager for Central Maintenance. The bids have been received for the following items:

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- Roadside Herbicides
- Hot Mix and Cold Mix Asphalt
- Emulsified Asphalt
- Corrugated Metal Culverts
- Polyethylene Culverts
- Material Hauling
- Crushed Limestone
- Sand & Gravel
- Lubricants
- Traffic Signs
- Traffic Striping
- Steel Culverts
- Hot Mix Asphalt Paving
- Propane Gas
- Gasoline & Diesel Fuel
- Equipment Rental
- Fencing Material
- Cement Treated Base
- Ready Mix Concrete

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he had seen Billbo Williams and Jeannine Ruby working on these bids and if they are in agreement, he feels the Board should approve the bids. Ms. Ruby said the bids are being recommended as low bidder per item being approved. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the County Administrator if he was in agreement with these recommendations. Mr. Armstrong said he was.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Director Jeannine Ruby and the Interim Road Manager Billbo Williams for the Annual Supplies for Central Maintenance being awarded to the low bidder per item. 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.8\*\***

Ms. Ruby said bids were placed for three or more light duty dump trucks. The County received bids as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Model Truck &amp; Dump Body</u>	<u>Price Per Truck</u>
Blackwell Auto Complex Jackson, MS	Chev. 35943 & OX 8Ft.	\$34,815.00
The Hertz Corp Jackson, MS	Ford F350 & Ledwell 2-3 YD BX	\$37,863.00
Watson Quality Ford Jackson, MS	Ford F350 & Warren	\$34,170.70

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Ms. Ruby said they recommend the bid from Watson Quality Ford for a total cost on the three dump trucks being \$102,512.10. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if they compared the cost for these trucks with the cost on the last trucks that were bought.

Ms. Ruby said yes and that these bids are lower than the last bids.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Director Jeannine Ruby to go with the low bidder, Watson Quality Ford, for the three light duty dump trucks at a cost of \$34,170.70 per truck. 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.8\*\***

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County advertised for bids for a single action boom truck. The bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Truck	Boom	Dump Body	Total Amt.
Arkansas Power Little Rock, AR	\$46,636.89	Inc. in body	\$32,400	\$79,036.89
Barloworld Frtlnr. Memphis, TN	\$46,636.89	Inc. in body	\$46,550	\$93,186.89
Blackwell Auto Jackson,MS	\$46,571.00	Inc. in body	\$30,770	\$77,341.00
Hol Mac Corp. Bay Springs, MS	\$44,238.00	\$15,950	\$15,950	\$76,138.00
General Truck Sales Memphis, TN	\$44,341.00	Inc. in body	\$30,770	\$75,111.00
Hol Mac Corp. Bay Springs, MS	\$46,554.60	\$15,950	\$15,950	\$78,454.60
Mid America Int'l. Memphis, TN	\$52,378.67	\$34,230	\$11,990	\$98,598.67
Southland Truck Memphis, TN	\$45,066.00	Inc. in body	\$30,770	\$75,836.00
Southland Truck Memphis, TN	\$47,795.00	Inc. in body	\$30,770	\$78,562.00
Sunbelt Int'l. Jackson, MS	\$50,688.41	Inc. in body	\$30,770	\$81,458.41
Super E Sterling Jackson, MS	\$46,634.00	Inc. in body	\$30,770	\$77,404.00
Watson Quality Ford Jackson, MS	Inc.	Inc.	Inc.	\$80,414.00

Ms. Ruby said after going over the bids with Billbo Williams, they recommend the bid from Hol Mac Corp in the amount of \$76,138. This is not the low bidder, but the lower bidders did not meet some critical specs. Ms. Ruby said they reviewed the bids with the Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin and he agreed to go with Hol Mac Corp. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the exception was. The Board was presented with a list of items not meeting specs. Supervisor Thach said that as long as Jim Cox and Billbo Williams have evaluated the trucks, he is comfortable.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve awarding the bid to Hol Mac Corp. for the single axle boom truck

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for Central Maintenance in the amount of \$76,138, based on the fact that the low bidder

had exceptions to the bid specs and based on the fact they are a Mississippi Company. 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.8\*\***

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said when the new truck arrives, Central Maintenance should run the new truck and take the old boom truck to use as a back up. Supervisor Thach said that Central Maintenance should take the old truck to the Hernando Library and start cleaning up around the construction area.

Vanessa Lynchard said at the request of the Board to seek a lease purchase agreement for the new trucks and boom truck, they had requested leasing bids. Ms. Lynchard said the low bidder was First Continental Leasing with a interest rate of 4.09%. Ms. Lynchard said she spoke with the Comptroller Joyce Riales and Billbo Williams and they felt like the County had the funds to do an outright purchase of these trucks. Ms. Riales said the Road Fund budget has \$300,000 for the purchase of equipment, and the Bridge Fund budget has \$300,000 to purchase equipment. Supervisor John Caldwell said they wanted to look both ways for lease purchase and to purchase outright. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he recommends the Board pay for the trucks out of the budget due to the high cost of interest and the County money is not earning that much interest.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the three light duty dump trucks and the single axle boom truck being purchased from the budget funds. 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.8\*\***

David Armstrong told the Board of Supervisors that Jeannine Ruby is doing an excellent job with bids.

**9. Approval to Apply for Grants**

**a. MDEQ – Waste Tire Grant**

County Administrator David Armstrong asked the Board to approve for the Grant Writer to apply for a two-year grant to MDEQ for the Waste Tire Grant. Mr. Armstrong said the request is for \$30,000 with no County matching funds. Mr. Armstrong said the grant is for \$15,000 per year.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for approval of the Grant Writer to apply for a MDEQ – Waste Tire Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for a two-year period, and to authorize the Board President to sign all papers in connection with the grant. 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

**b. MDEQ – Solid Waste Enforcement Officer Grant**

County Administrator David Armstrong asked for the Board to approve an application by the Grant Writer to MDEQ for the Solid Waste Enforcement Officers Grant. This grant would pay a portion of Chuck Faulkner’s salary.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Grant Writer’s application to MDEQ for the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer Grant, and to authorize the Board President to sign all papers in connection with the grant. 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

**c. TOP Grant**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the TOP Grant is a 50/50 match by the County and would amount to \$324,000 for the County. Mr. Armstrong said he did not want to apply for this grant, due to not having the money in the budget for the match. This is a three- year grant and in talking with Larry Wood, Director of Information Systems, the funds would be used for the Circuit Clerk and the Chancery Clerk both, who would have data on the Internet.

Brigette Herring, Grant Writer, said the County’s match included a portion of salary for Larry Wood. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said some of the work has been done and the GIS data is working to get current data on line. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if we have to advise what the in-kind service amount is? Brigette Herring said approximately 30% of the County’s match would be in-kind services and that she has to apply for the grant by March 21, 2002.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the application by the Grant Writer for the TOP Grant. 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 for Request from the Board of Education – Olive Branch Middle School**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Superintendent of Education Jerry Baird has sent a request for the County to assist the Olive Branch Middle School with 60 feet of drainage culverts at the parking lot south of the school’s football field. Mr. Armstrong said the letter states the school will pay for all materials if the County would install the culverts.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked who would bill the school for the material and collect the funds. Comptroller Joyce Riales said that the Central Maintenance Department bills for materials used, but she does not see all funds, but would check to see if they have been paid. Supervisor Lewis said any funds received should go back into the Road funds.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the request from the Superintendent of Education Jerry Baird for the County to assist the Olive Branch Middle School with 60 feet of drainage culverts at their parking lot south of the school's football field. The school will be billed for all material used and the County will supply the labor and equipment necessary. 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\*\***

**11. Interfund Transfer**

**a. Sheriff Dept.**

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 Patrol/Law Enforcement (001-202-950) and to transfer to LLEBG-Video Recording Grant (119-000-384) 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 Inter-Fund Transfer as follows:

From: Patrol/Law Enforcement (001-202-950)	\$278.00
To: LLEBG-Video Recording Grant (119-000-384)	\$278.00

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.11\*\***

**b. CDBG – DHS Building**

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 \$18,000,000.00 G/O Bond Construction (382-709-950) and to transfer to the CDBG – New DHS Building (052-000-384) for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Inter-Fund Transfer as follows:

From: \$18,000,000 G/O Bond Construction (382-709-950)	\$1,115,000
To: CDBG – New DHS Building (052-000-384)	\$1,115,000

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

**ITEM E.11, CONTINUED,**

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

**\*\*See Exhibit E.11\*\***

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County will receive \$450,000 from the State and he put \$1,200,000 in the budget for the bond money to be used on the new DHS building.

**12. Appointment to North Delta PDD**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board of Supervisors has received a request from Glenn Brown, Executive Director for the North Delta Planning & Development District, Inc., for the approval of the appointment of the new board members for 2002. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the appointments as requested in accordance with Section 19-5-307 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, for a term of one year as follows:

- a. Minority Representative – Charlie Reese**
- b. At Large Representative – Lorine Cady**
- c. County Representative (Elected Officer) – Supervisor Tommy Lewis**

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. Appointment to CVB (District 1)**

In accordance with Section 19-5-307 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the resignation from Patricia Hefley, 3506 Evergreen, Olive Branch, MS 38654 from the Board of the DeSoto Civic Center. 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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Clinton Nichols, 12930 Whispering Pine Drive, Olive Branch, MS, phone # 662-895-3183 to the CVB to represent District One for a term of one year. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**ITEM E.13, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES
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**\*\*See Exhibit E.13\*\***

**14. Approval of Resolution in Support of Floyd Kirk as State Aid Engineer**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the appointment of the State Aid Engineer

comes up on February 23, 2002 and the County has received a request to make a Resolution to support Mr. Floyd Kirk, who has been serving as the State Aid Engineer for several years. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that all Counties are asked to send a Resolution in support of the Governor re-appointing Floyd Kirk as State Aid Engineer.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion for the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors to send a Resolution to request Floyd Kirk being re-appointed as State Aid Engineer. 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. Tax Exemption – Trees N Trends**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to make the final approval of the State Tax Commission for period of ten (10) years from March 31, 2000 for ad valorem taxation exemption for Trees N Trends in the amount of \$ 845,866 a part of the minutes and to authorize the final resolutions in connection with this exemption. 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.15\*\***

#### **16. Tax Exemption – Memphis Propeller Service**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to make the final approval of the State Tax Commission for period of ten (10) years from August 21, 2000 for ad valorem taxation exemption for Memphis Propeller Service, Inc. in the amount of \$ 445,754 a part of the minutes and to authorize the final resolutions in connection with this exemption. 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\*\***

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#### **17. Jail Inspection**

The Board does hereby find that, pursuant to Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, that periodic examinations into the state and condition of the DeSoto County Jail, in regards to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners is required. Pursuant to Section 19-5-1 the Board of Supervisors, or a competent person authorized by the Board of Supervisors, shall examine the jail for said compliance. The DeSoto County

Board of Supervisors has a policy of attempting to inspect the DeSoto County Jail on a monthly basis and a requirement that the DeSoto County Jail be inspected as often as is mandated by Mississippi statute, State and/or Federal law. By direction of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors, the following persons were directed pursuant to Section 19-5-1 to perform the required examination into the state and condition of the jail and to report back to the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors:

Supervisor Eugene Thach  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the above named committee has reported back to the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors. That at least two (2) of them have examined the DeSoto County Jail regarding its state and condition in regard to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners, and do find the jail to be in compliance and requiring no further legal action at this time.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the observed condition of the jail and to state there was no overcrowding of the Jail, and do find the Jail to be in compliance and requiring no further action at this time. 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

#### **18. Preliminary Approval to Move Miller Voting Precinct**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he had talked with the Board Attorney about the near completion of the Miller Voting Precinct and the need for the Board of Supervisors to authorize the paper work necessary to be submitted regarding the Precinct change.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the necessary paperwork involved relocating the Miller Voting Precinct to the new Fire Department. 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

#### **19. Approval of Contract with CB&I for Brentwood Water Tank**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had received the contract for CB&I Constructors, Inc. for the Elevated Water Storage Tank to be located at Brentwood Originals. The amount of the contract bid was \$696,000 and the County has budgeted for CDBG funds in the amount of \$750,000. Mr. Armstrong said Engineering Associates have recommended the contract. Board Attorney Bill Austin said there are a few things in the contract that need to be addressed and corrected before he could recommend the contract the County has in hand at this time. Mr. Armstrong said if the

#### **ITEM E.19, CONTINUED,**

language could be changed could the contract be authorized. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said that Brentwood Originals was trying to make a May 1 move in date, but the delays involved will not allow this to happen and the water tank needs to be installed as soon as possible. The Walls Water Association is providing temporary water at this time.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Board would be meeting on January 28 and if the contract has been corrected and approved by the Board Attorney, the Board could

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approve it at that time. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold this item over until the January 28, 2002 Board meeting. 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.19\*\***

## **20. Daniel Murphy – Road Projects**

Consulting County Engineer Daniel Murphy appeared before the Board of Supervisors to give and update on projects he had been requested by the Board to do.

1. Church Road West – Mr. Murphy said the majority of this contract is done. They are doing the gravel at this time and the paving would be done in April 2002. This project could be complete by early summer. They are widening the west end of the road leading to the Brentwood Originals construction site to three lanes. Mr. Murphy said he believes we can add the third lane at Brentwood without a change order, because he found other area to cut costs.
2. Church Road East – Mr. Murphy said they are doing the gravel work and building a bridge with this contract. The road should be open to traffic in the spring of 2003. I have been asked the cost of five laning this entire section of the road. They will have to add additional gravel and dirt work for the four miles of Church Road from Hwy 305 to Pleasant Hill Road with five lanes. The additional gravel cost would be \$80,000 and we will have that cost whether we finish the five lanes or not. To pave and stripe would be an additional \$650,000 which includes the \$80,000. This would five lane this section of Church Road from one end to the other. Mr. Murphy said he would recommend going ahead and doing this additional work for five lanes now because the gravel work will only increase in price. Supervisor John Caldwell said to ask the City of Olive Branch to help with these costs. Mr. Murphy said the original cost for Church Road East was \$4.8 million. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said we should ask Southaven and Horn Lake to help with the extension of Church Road West from Hwy 305 to Tulane. Supervisor John Caldwell said the traffic count justified that portion. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said since the roads are in the City, they have the ability to assess developers for money back on the asphalt. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the City of Southaven had said they would help with Church Road on the section of Elmore Road to Swinnea Road for five lanes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Murphy when he would need an answer for the additional funds. Mr. Murphy said later on in the summer for the paving, but he would like to have an order for the gravel and dirt work, which would cost between \$100,000 and \$120,000 to do. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize funds for the gravel and dirt work necessary on Church Road from Pleasant Hill Road to Hwy 305 with a limit of \$120,000. 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

Mr. Murphy said due to the eleven-inch rain that we had, there is a bridge and ditch bank that needs to be stabilized, or the County would have a maintenance problem. Mr. Murphy said he would recommend to put in a sheet pile wall on the east side of

the bridge to stabilize the bank and this would cost about \$100,000. Supervisor Lewis asked about the west side of the bridge. Mr. Murphy said it could be stabilized with rip rap, but all this work needs to be done as soon as possible.

3. McInvale Road – Mr. Murphy said the survey and plans are done and the County can start work on this to build up the road and to have an intersection there for the new Interstate that will come through this area. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the new Hwy 304 and the Interstate would not have an access for traffic to get on if the County does not have a road in place. Mr. Murphy said there is only room for a two lane road and they would have to work with Memphis Stone and Gravel to get the land needed.

4. Civic Center Drive – Mr. Murphy said the survey work is done and the plans are nearly done. The cost would be \$335,000 to widen the road to four lanes. Mr. Murphy said the relocations of the utility poles would not have to be done. Mr. Murphy said the County could authorize to advertise for bid for the Civic Center Road widening. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if any money was in the Bond. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to advertise for the widening and construction of the Civic Center South Drive. 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

5. Church Road Widening – (I-55 to Pleasant Hill Rd.)

Mr. Murphy said he needs some direction for the Board on how they want him to proceed with this project. Mr. Murphy said to do the widening from the Interstate to Pleasant Hill Road would cost \$1.5 million per mile and there are 5 ½ miles just to Getwell Road. Mr. Murphy asked the Board if they wanted to do this in one contract or to do it in phases. Supervisor John Caldwell said it definitely needs to be done in phases. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Murphy to engineer the road for curb and gutter from Elmore Road to Getwell Road. Supervisor Thach said the City of Southaven had planned to do this 3 ½ miles section, so the Board needs to get the money from the City of Southaven. Mr. Murphy said he needs to know what area they want done. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the County Administrator should talk with Mayor Greg Davis to see what the City of Southaven plans are. Supervisor Thach said he should also talk with the Mayors of Horn Lake and Southaven regarding their plans for Nail Road and what their priority is. Mr. Murphy said the right of way and the utilities would be a major concern in this area of Nail Road and that the engineering is the only thing that has been authorized. Board Attorney Bill Austin asked if the plans had 53 feet of right of way. Mr. Murphy said there is only 40 feet of right of way from the center of the road and that it depends on the terrain. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Supervisor Thach talked with Mayor Greg Davis and they put money into the County to do this work, then the County Administrator would see where to come up with the balance. Supervisor Medlin said that from Getwell Road to Elmore Road there are a lot of homes to get the right of way and it

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may take up to a year to do. Mr. Murphy said because of utilities we may get right of way on one side of the road on part of this project. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked why not get right of way on one side all the way. Mr. Murphy said to move the crown of the road would cost more. Supervisor Lewis said it may be less expensive to get the right of way on both sides of the road. Supervisor Medlin suggested that Mr. Murphy work on the survey and let the County Administrator check to see where the money can come from.

6. Church Road Widening (Hwy 51 to Tulane Road) - Mr. Murphy said he has been asked to look at three lanes without curb and gutter. He would need to get temporary

easements due to the hills in this area. Supervisor John Caldwell said this area is not in the City limits. Mr. Murphy said that this area is not scheduled to be paved this year, but the County could put down a coat of asphalt this year and it would help the road. Mr. Murphy said he plans to start a new survey crew there next week. He said there may be some right of way that is wide enough already.

7. Bridges (Baldwin Road, Vaiden Road, Grays Creek Road) ( **8.**) Starlanding Road Overlay Project ( **9.**) Nail Road Overlay Project - Mr. Murphy said all of these are State Aid Projects and the plans are completed and have been sent to State Aid for approval. They should be built this year.
10. Craft Road Extension (College Road to Church Road) ( **11.**) Tchulahoma Road Extension (Green T Road to Pleasant Hill Road) ( **12.**) Replace bridges on Old Hwy 51 in Hernando - Mr. Murphy said there are three bridges on Hwy 51 and there is LSBP money to do them with. Mr. Murphy said his survey crews have to complete other jobs before they can do the work on these and there has been nothing done as of this time. Mr. Murphy said that once the project is programmed for State Aid, we have to wait on the plans.
13. Tulane Road Extension (Dean Road to New Hwy 304) - Mr. Murphy said that the MDOT plans do not line up with the road as planned for by the County.
14. Starlanding Road (Hwy 51 eastward to railroad) – Mr. Murphy said that this is where the County will have to grade the intersection. Supervisor John Caldwell said he has been contacted by Bob Bailey about moving this railroad bridge, funding the Nail Road railroad, doing a bridge and putting a grade crossing at Starlanding Road. Supervisor Caldwell said he has been told that a change in legislation has to be done to redirect funds. The Railroad Bridge at Starlanding would cost five to six million dollars to go over Starlanding and it would be too high a bridge. The question was asked if any LSBP money could be spent. Mr. Murphy said that LSBP money could not be spent on a State Aid Road. Supervisor Thach asked if it could be applied to Stateline Road West? Mr. Murphy said the money could be spent there.

Mr. Murphy said Dan Tolar, from State Aid, has recommended to program as State Aid Projects: Fogg Road, South of Hwy 304 and Fogg Road from Starlanding Road to Church Road. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion for the Consulting County Engineer to program Fogg Road, South of Hwy 304 and Fogg Road from Starlanding Road to Church Road, as State Aid 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

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how much we lack getting all our bridges fixed so we can use LSBP money on roads? Daniel Murphy said when we replace Vaiden and Grays

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Creek bridges, we can use it on other drainage related structures. Mr. Murphy said each time we fix a bridge we take money out of our formula.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he met with Daniel Murphy and Andy Swims this week. Supervisor Lewis said he asked Andy Swims where new Hwy 304 is going across I-55. Supervisor Lewis said he asked Andy Swims to look at crossings and intersections that we have now. Supervisor Lewis said we need to get Tchulahoma to Pleasant Hill finished so we can get an intersection. Bridgforth Road runs south along Camp Creek. That is a two mile span. If we don't have a road down that section line then we don't have a chance to get a bridge or intersection.

Supervisor Lewis said our MPO line is near Green T and lines up with Byhalia Road. Andy Swims said population density is supposed to be the driver of that rather than MPO. Supervisor Lewis said if the Board of Supervisors does not get that road build, we are not doing our duty. Supervisor Lewis said he asked Andy Swims to go to MDOT to let us know their plans.

Daniel Murphy said we talked about the Craft Road Extension.

Daniel Murphy said that he is in the middle of the Bridge Inspection that we do every two years. He has identified damage at Starlanding Road, East of Hwy 301. This is a 24-ft. wide bridge that is not stable and he recommends replacing the bridge with a box culvert. Mr. Murphy said he can't recommend to do this under State Aid, because it would not get done this year and it needs to be repaired and he recommends that County funds be used. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County could take the cost to repair the Starlanding Road Bridge and add it to the funds that were spent that was caused by the floods. Supervisor Medlin said to check to see if this reimbursement could be done. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Consulting County Engineer Daniel Murphy to engineer all the way through the preliminary engineering and construction for replacement of the Starlanding Road Bridge, East of Hwy 301. 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

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the Vaiden Road bridge had any damage. Mr. Murphy said this one is on the LSBP funds.

Supervisor John Caldwell suggested that Mr. Murphy do the preliminary engineering on Starlanding Road east of Getwell Road. Mr. Murphy said he has been working with the new County Engineer Andy Swims to get this project done.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested that Mr. Murphy meet with Jimmy Dickerson, from MDOT, regarding Church Road and Hwy 305. Supervisor Caldwell said to see when they plan to start on Hwy 301 to Starlanding Road and to Hwy 304, since this is a MDOT project. Mr. Murphy said at first MDOT was agreeable with County requests. Now they want the County to do a lot of the work.

Daniel Murphy said that once the County replaces the Vaiden and Gray Creek Road Bridges, all the qualifications for DeSoto County would be complete, which was for \$100,000 a year contract for LSBP funds. Mr. Murphy said this money could be used to pay off the Bond issues where money was used to replace bridges.

Daniel Murphy said the Hacks Cross Road plans are completed and have been approved by State Aid. Mr. Murphy said they are in the process of the acquisition of right of way

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for Hacks Cross Road and then it will go to contract. Supervisor Caldwell asked how often the railroad crossing is crossed by train traffic. Supervisor Medlin said often. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said when they were in Washington, they asked about this railroad crossing and that Jim Flanagan had also been asking about the railroad crossing. Supervisor Lewis asked if the traffic moved fast enough to warrant doing a bridge. Mr. Murphy said they are limited on the Economic Development money to do things. Supervisor Medlin said if we are ever going to add a bridge, we should go on and get the right of way. Daniel Murphy said it may mean relocating a business and/or home and the purchase of right of way in this area would be out of the EDA money.

**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. Mileage Reimbursement**

The County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors of the change in mileage reimbursement rate, that effective January 21, 2002, the mileage reimbursement rate for all State employees when traveling in a private vehicle on Official State business will be 36.5 cents per mile. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a blanket order that the County follows the State Law authorized mileage reimbursement. 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 G.1\*\***

**2. Homestead Adjustments**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis 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>
3082-0300.0-00015.00 - Hernando	2083-0602.0-00120.00
1087-2616.0-00082.00 - Southaven	1088-3302.0-01188.00 – Horn Lake
2083-0500.0-0003.02	3086-1300.3-00019.01- Hernando
1089-3002.0-00144.00	2065-1600.0-0008.00
1086-2310.0-00855.00 - Southaven	1079-3004.0-02040.00 - Southaven
2066-1400.0-00026.00	1089-3002.0-00248.00
3094-1903.0-00506.00	1077-3602.0-00037.00 – Olive Branch
2081-0103.0-00329.00 - Southaven	1096-2300.0-00020.00
3094-1801.0-00056.00	3092-0300.0-0005.00
1068-3401.1-00011.00- Olive Branch	1088-2703.0-02230.00 - Southaven
2058-3100.0-0008.00	1068-3400.2-00024.00 – Olive Branch

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES

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

**\*\*See Exhibit G.2\*\***

**3. Chancery Clerk Allowance**

On this date, the Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the January 2002 term in the amount of \$1,526.66. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis 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 G.3\*\***

#### **4. New DHS Building – Light Poles**

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said the location for the light poles at the new DHS Building would require the Board President to sign for the release of right of way to the Utility Company. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Board President to sign the release of right of way to the Utility Company for the location of light poles at the New DHS Building. 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

#### **5. Request from Entergy – Move Power Lines Starlanding Road**

Interim Road Manager Billbo Williams said that Entergy Power Company had requested to store light poles at the Central Maintenance Yard on Gwynn Road. Mr. Williams said he was told that they were moving the power lines on Starlanding Road and they plan to start the week of January 21. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if they mentioned anything about the re-engineering of Starlanding Road to expand to four lanes. Mr. Williams said they were just requesting permission to store poles. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said they have to get the County right of way also to move the light poles. Mr. Williams said this was an independent contractor that would move the lines. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he owns the land down from the landfill and he has not been contacted about his right of way for moving the power lines. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Daniel Murphy if he was doing any work on Starlanding Road. Mr. Williams said he spoke with Russell Lee at Entergy. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said to find out why they are moving the power lines down to the railroad track. Supervisor Lewis said this should be put on hold until the road could be improved and we should look into this to see why they are moving the lines now. Supervisor Medlin suggest that the County Administrator and the Interim Road Manager get together with Entergy to discuss this project of moving the power lines on Starlanding Road. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to give the authority to unload the power poles on County property. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

#### **ITEM G.5, CONTINUED,**

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

#### **6. Bond for County Road Manager**

Chancery Clerk W. E. Davis said the annual bond for \$50,000 for the County Road Manager is due and requires the signature of the Board President. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize

the Board President to sign the annual bond in the amount of \$50,000 for the County Road Manager. 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. State Holiday January 21, 2002**

County Administrator David Armstrong reminded the Board of the State Holiday on Monday January 21,2002.

**8. Fire Chief Mid Winter Conference**

County Administrator David Armstrong said that the Fire Chiefs' Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for Friday morning, January 18, 2002 at 9:00 a.m., at the DeSoto Civic Center. Mr. Armstrong said Bobby Storey, Director of Fire & EMS, ask that he invite all the elected officials to attend.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess the meeting until January 28, 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 16<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