

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2008 PRESIDING

February 4, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The February 4, 2008 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Allen Latimer, Board President.

Sheriff Bill Rasco 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 Bill Russell-----District 3
- Supervisor Allen Latimer-----District 4
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- Michael Garriga-----County Administrator
- Tony Nowak -----Board Attorney
- Sheriff Bill Rasco-----Sheriff

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Tommy Lewis presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said in the minutes for January 22, 2008 that one paragraph regarding Mitchell’s Corner should be clarified to indicate that David Shores is the developer and Russell and Company are the engineers on the project.

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of January, 2008 pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the minutes with clarifications of the Board of Supervisors, for the month of January, 2008. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

E. CONSENT

The Board of Supervisors considered approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the Road Bond Report, as follows:

1. Accounting

a. Ratification of Monthly Health Claims

The following is a recap of all insurance claims funded for the month of January and paid to Humana:

Funding Request	Date Paid	Amount	Claim Type
Date			
1/1/08	1/2/08	\$68,683.84	Administration Fees
1/7/08	1/8/08	\$4,913.53	Medical
1/7/08	1/8/08	\$7,259.77	Dental
1/14/08	1/15/08	\$52,531.14	Medical
1/14/08	1/15/08	\$6,144.65	Dental
1/21/08	1/22/08	\$55,593.93	Medical
1/21/08	1/22/08	\$3,800.70	Dental
1/21/08	1/22/08	\$68,893.71	Pharmacy
1/28/08	1/29/08	\$17,602.81	Medical
1/28/08	1/29/08	\$6,001.50	Dental
	TOTAL	\$291,425.58	

January Book Balance	\$3,432,760.64	
December Book Balance	\$3,363,859.90	
November Book Balance	\$3,486,168.38	
October Book Balance	\$3,495,975.17	
September Book Balance	\$3,566,170.25	
August Book Balance	\$3,677,455.13	

b. Request to Repay Interfund Loan

From: EMA Grants Fund \$167,750.00 (044-000-149)
To: General County Fund \$167,750.00 (001-000-054)

c. Approval for Interfund Loan

From: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$65,000.00
To: 2004 Bond Construction Fund 380-000-149 \$65,000.00

From: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$25,000.00
To: Civic Center Tourism Building 384-000-149 \$25,000.00

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about the \$25,000 bill for the Tourism Building. County Administrator Michael Garriga said the Board approved the CAP loan for the Tourism Building. The county is the applicant and the Board of Supervisors will be reimbursed by the Convention and Visitors Bureau. He said the county expenses will be reimbursed either by the grant or the CVB.

d. Ratification of Bond Payment

\$18,000,000 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds
Trustmark Bank Ck# 033414 issued 1-31-08 Total \$ 43,157.81.

2. Bailiff Pay

Liz Medlin - \$120.00 Joe Holmes - \$120.00 Lee Hodge - \$80.00 Jason Motz – \$80.00

3. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

4. Sheriff’s Department – Restricted Donation from Sportsman’s Warehouse
\$2,500.00 – Swarovski 20-60X80 Spotting Scope to be used by SWAT Team

Supervisor Bill Russell pointed out that Sportsman’s Warehouse has donated a scope for the SWAT Team and the Board of Supervisors thanks them for their support. County

Administrator Michael Garriga said he will write a letter to Sportsman's Warehouse and thank them for their support.

5. Department of Road Management
a. Road Report and Work Schedule
b. Road Bond Report

6. Chancery Clerk Allowance (2) - January \$1,550.00 \$1,450.00

7. Inventory Dispositions – Final – Search and Rescue

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Final
30762	E06251	Outboard Motor	Donation to Yalobusha County	Yalobusha Cnty
30763	N/A	Boat Trailer	Donation to Yalobusha County	Yalobusha Cnty
30764	170B8027	DV170 Boat	Parts Only	Yalobusha Cnty
30163	G02991830	Johnson Motor	Donation to Marshall County	Marshall Cnty
30164	G02994886	Johnson Motor	Donation to Marshall County	Marshall Cnty
31918	N/A	Polarcraft Boat	Donation to Marshall County	Marshall Cnty
31919	N/A	Boat Trailer	Donation to Marshall County	Marshall Cnty

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

See Exhibit E

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Appointments

a. DeSoto County Library – District 4

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Bill seconded the motion to hold this item until February 6, 2008. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

b. Planning Commission – District 2 & 5

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to appoint David Henley, 7645 Whitten Place, Olive Branch, MS, 662-895-9158, 901-399-6487, as the District 2 Representative to the DeSoto County Planning Commission. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Group Health Insurance

County Administrator Michael Garriga said, at the last meeting the Board instructed him to negotiate rates with Humana for county employees' health insurance. He said Rex Haynes is here to discuss those efforts. Mr. Garriga said we looked at the last few years to see if we are justified to increase the deductible to \$100,000. He said there were few claims between \$50,000 and \$100,000 so he would recommend increasing the deductible.

Mr. Haynes said that the committee negotiated the administrative costs from 5% to 2%. He presented an option for health insurance to increase the lifetime maximum from one to two million dollars. Mr. Garriga recommended the increase to two million dollars for lifetime.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if the fund balance is still going up in the insurance fund. Mr. Garriga said yes, the fund balance is very healthy.

Mr. Haynes presented an overview of the health insurance coverage.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he is pleased with Humana.

Mr. Haynes said, when the Board previously met, Humana offered a 5% administrative increase per year. He said we have negotiated that down to 5% in 2008, 2% next year and 2% the following year. Mr. Haynes said he feels that is reasonable.

Supervisor Medlin asked if the recommendation is for a three year contract. Mr. Haynes said yes, and Humana is locking in those rates, but the county does not have to stay with Humana for three years. Supervisor Medlin said, we should raise the deductible to one hundred thousand dollars since we only had four claims last year that were greater than \$100,000. He said the premiums would be less than you would pay based on the past several years.

Mr. Garriga discussed increasing the wellness benefit and adding an Employee Assistance Program. He said it may be beneficial to increase these benefits. Mr. Haynes said, usually when you originally buy a Humana policy, the wellness benefit is included. Mr. Garriga explained that the Employee Assistance could be included for \$1.14 per month.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said Vickie Richmann is taking care of some of these issues now. Sheriff Bill Rasco said at the Sheriff's Department they have a program called PEERS. He said this program allows employees to discuss issues and you would be surprised at the number of people who use the service.

Code Enforcement Officer Steve Powell said when he was employed at the Post Office they had a similar program and it stopped a lot of employee problems.

EMS Director Bobby Storey said that they use this type of program in his office. He said he hoped the Board would consider this option for the county as a whole.

Janet Jones of the Health Department said this program is more of an intervention than anything else. She said these types of programs may prevent the county from having claims in the future.

Mr. Garriga explained the wellness benefit option. He said the thought is, the more healthy the employee, the less claims the county will pay.

Mr. Haynes said the county is only charged when someone signs up for the service and the charge is \$190 per person. Mr. Garriga said this would be an investment the county would control claims by helping an employee stay more healthy.

Supervisor Latimer said suggested offering the benefit to employees if they want to pay the fee of \$190.

Supervisor Medlin said he would like to spend the money on a benefit like physical therapy. Supervisor Bill Russell said he would rather offer the benefit to the employees if they want to pay for the benefit.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to add the Employee Assistance Program for \$1.14 per month and to make the wellness benefit for \$190 per month optional with employees paying for the benefit. After discussing the issue, Supervisor Thach withdrew the motion and Supervisor Russell withdrew the second.

Supervisor Russell asked if the employees can get the optional services individually. Mr. Haynes said he was not sure.

Supervisor Medlin asked if we can add the benefits six months from now. Mr. Haynes said he is not sure.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to adopt the county insurance renewal with Humana for three years and to approve SouthGroup as the local agent; to approve the \$100,000 deductible; approve an increase to two million dollars for lifetime payments; and to adopt the Employee Assistance Program benefits for \$1.14 per month per employee. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis verified that the three year contract can be broken if necessary. Mr. Haynes said yes, the Board is just locking in the administrative fee. **See Exhibit F.2**

3. Group Life Insurance

Rex Haynes presented the current life insurance rates paid by the county in addition to the cost to increase the premium.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to increase the life insurance benefit to \$60,000 if permitted by law, and to increase the premium to \$15.60 per month. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis asked if an employee could increase the life insurance benefit to \$100,000 if they pay to do so.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if we can take life insurance benefit into retirement under the guidelines we have now. Mr. Haynes said he will check and let the supervisors know.

See Exhibit F.3

4. County Administrator

a. Resolution for Hospital

At the recommendation of the County Administrator Michael Garriga, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the resolution of the Desoto County Board of Supervisors in support of the location, development, and operations of a hospital facility within the City of Olive Branch. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.4.a**

b. Vehicle Use Policy

County Administrator Michael Garriga said this is the same policy distributed to Board of Supervisors last week except for changes on page four that will cover the use of county vehicles by employees.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked about item I-15 on page four. He asked what the penalty will be for using a cell phone while operating a county vehicle.

Mr. Garriga said there is no established penalty but that violating any county policy can result in reprimands as set forth in the personnel manual.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how many vehicles we currently have in the county. He asked if we are prepared to buy hands-free devices for each vehicle.

Supervisor Bill Russell said it would be a good policy to have a hands-free device.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said that the Sheriff's Department has reduced the number of cell phones from twenty to six. Mr. Garriga said this policy does not apply to sheriff's vehicles.

Supervisor Medlin clarified that it would still be the decision of the department heads when an employee is allowed to take a vehicle home.

Mr. Garriga directed the Board to look at a resolution that says the Board policy will direct who will be allowed to take vehicles home and the department heads will make recommendations to the Board regarding who can take home a county vehicle.

Supervisor Bill Russell directed the Board to item number four on page four which discusses a log for the vehicles. He said he does not think that is enforceable. Supervisor Latimer said, if you do not use vehicles for personal use, you would not need number four. Supervisor Russell thinks it is unreasonable to expect employees to log use. Mr. Garriga said he could remove that part from the policy.

Supervisor Bill Russell said regarding number fourteen on page four, he thinks it is a little much to say home to work vehicles should not be used for any personal use at any time. He said there could be incidental usage. Mr. Garriga said he would revise that wording.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to remove number four and remove the last sentence from number fourteen to adopt the policy with changes described and to adopt a resolution supporting the vehicle use policy. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.4.b**

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Justice Court Report & Late Fees

Justice Court Clerk Shirley Beshears presented the Justice Court report for January, 2008 as follows:

January 2008

Criminal Cases Filed – 132	State Assessments - \$35,182.50
Civil Cases Filed – 368	County General Fund - \$68,904.27
Traffic Tickets Filed – 599	Total Collections - \$104,086.77
Total Cases Filed – 1,099	

Ms. Beshears said 11,734 cases were placed with Franklin Collections. She said they have 2,333 active cases. Franklin Collections has 9,400 cases that are inactive. Mr. Beshears said she has been checking on the cases that were turned over to Franklin Collections and it is a slow and tedious process. She said, of the 125 cases that have been researched only 45 should have been turned over to Franklin Collection. Ms. Beshears said she is going to start with the active 2,333 cases and make sure that procedure was carefully followed and that they were appropriately turned over to Franklin. She said they placed 2,430 cases on partial payment. She said they recently sent over 540 letters in an effort to make collections and hope to begin to collect some of that money. She said Franklin has collected over \$300,000 to date. She said \$854,000 has been turned over to Franklin, and that is not including outstanding fines of \$347,000. She said that is a true accounts receivable figure. Ms. Beshears said that Justice Court has collected \$66,000 by credit card payment since October.

Ms. Beshears said she wants to collect in-house and has not sent collections to Franklin. She said state law allows a collection rate in additional collection amount of 15% for Mississippi residents and 25% for out of state collections.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board heard that when prisoners went to Justice Court, sometimes the judges could not hear their cases early and they would have to stay in court all day and a deputy would have to stay with them. Ms. Beshears said there is no consistency in how the cases are heard. Sheriff Bill Rasco said sometimes we take the prisoners to the court and their attorney is not there. He said, to some extent, it is the “nature of the beast”. Sheriff Rasco said he is concerned about officers who have worked all night and then must stay at Justice Court all day waiting to be heard and then go back to their shift that night with no rest.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve changing to in-house collection and approving fees for Justice Court to collect 15% for Mississippi residents and 25% for out of state residents and to make the Justice Court Reports part of the minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.1**

Supervisor Allen Latimer said the cases are down to 1,099 from December and that is a good sign. Mr. Garriga said he is looking into improvements to the outside of the building.

2. Mississippi Pandemic Planning – State Health Department

Robbie Morgan, Pandemic Planner for the Mississippi Department of Health and Janet Jones appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss plans in the event of an influenza pandemic. Ms. Morgan presented a brochure related to pandemics in an effort to share information with Desoto County. She told the history of pandemics and said everyone agrees that we are in line for an influenza pandemic. She wanted to share this information because in the case of a pandemic, the Board of Supervisors will receive the calls and have to answer the questions about the pandemic. She said if it hits, it will be

worldwide. She said pandemic planning teaches that counties will be responsible for their own people. Ms. Morgan said the defense against a pandemic is good hygiene. She said they are teaching that people cough into their sleeve instead of their hands and to wash hands frequently and keep germicide on hand. She said we do not have enough medical personnel or responders to take care of everyone in case of a pandemic. She introduced Janet Jones who is the Pandemic Planner for District 2.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the health department is trying to introduce this information into the school system. Ms. Morgan said yes. She said she has not yet been to all of the schools but they will. She said the best prevention for a pandemic is a flu shot.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the flu shot that we got this year will help against this flu. Ms. Morgan said they do not know because there are so many different strains of flu. But it will help relieve some of the symptoms.

Janet Jones said a pandemic is a worldwide event. She said an epidemic would cover the mid-south.

Ms. Morgan explained the county planning for a pandemic.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Ms. Morgan and Ms. Jones for explaining about the influenza pandemic.

3. Accounting – Claims Docket

The Board of Supervisors discussed one of the prisoner medical bills on the claims docket. Supervisor Bill Russell asked if we could file insurance claims on a prisoner's medical insurance. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said yes. Supervisor Russell asked if we can assess medical charges against them. Mr. Nowak said he does not think so but he will check.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code annotated, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.3**

4. Board Attorney

a. Interlocal Agreement with Olive Branch for Hydrologic Study

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said some time ago the county entered into an agreement with Neel Shaffer and the City of Olive Branch agreed to share with the contract for a hydrology study. He presented an interlocal agreement delineating the cost share agreement. He said, under the agreement, Neel Shaffer will bill the City of Olive Branch for half the cost and the county for half the cost. He said there was some discussion about whether or not the county would pay half of the cost of the letter of map revision. He said this agreement splits the cost of LOMAR.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Desoto County, Mississippi and the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi for cost sharing of a drainage study of a tributary of Nonconnah Creek and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.4.a**

b. Agreement with NWCC for Law Enforcement Students

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the county has an agreement with Northwest Community College for EMS students to ride with the county EMS Department as part of their training. The Sheriff would like to do the same thing with students going through law enforcement training.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if it affects our liability policy. County Administrator Michael Garriga said it will not have any effect on the liability policy.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to draw up an agreement with Northwest Community College for law enforcement students to train with the Desoto County Sheriff's Department.

c. Tax Credits for War Veterans

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said he received the Attorney General's opinion regarding Mississippi Code Section 27-39-335 that allows active military who are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan to receive a tax credit for \$100 on car tags, or other ad valorem taxes, but not school taxes. Mr. Nowak stated, the opinion states the maximum ad valorem tax exemption is that which is owed for car tags, but not to exceed \$100.

In accordance with Section 27-39-335 Mississippi Code annotated regarding active military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve implementing a tax credit for active military who are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan for the amount due on car tags, for any other county ad valorem taxes, not including school taxes, but not to exceed \$100, in accordance with the opinion of the Attorney General. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Community Mental Health

County Administrator Michael Garriga said there are a lot of issues for providing community mental health care. He said you can provide millage to fund mental health if the Board chooses to do so. He said you can construct mental health centers. He said people feel that mental health centers are not cost effective to operate. He said the county could contract with a local mental health facility.

Supervisor Bill Russell said he would like to bring a couple of things to the Board's attention. He said we have a problem with the hospital sending these patients to the jail. He said Baptist Hospital is not a mental health facility and do not have people on staff to evaluate and treat mental patients. He said, in Mississippi, you cannot commit someone who is in a hospital to a facility until the state evaluates them. He said, therefore, these people are ending up in jails. He said the responsibility lies with the Board of Supervisors or public office. He said he has a letter regarding the subject from Representative John Mayo. He said this Board should be prepared to address the issue. Supervisor Russell said he is tired of seeing mental patients in jail. He said the county is paying Communicare \$180,000 per year. He said the county has an offer from Parkwood. Currently, the Baptist Hospital pays Parkwood for evaluations. He said Parkwood agrees to house mental patients for \$500 per day. He said the committee will soon meet with Communicare.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the quote from Parkwood includes medication. Mr. Garriga and Supervisor Russell said they do not know but they do not think it will.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked how many lunacy patients Desoto County has. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said there have been 200 or more this year. He said we are beginning to send people back to the counties in which they live for medical services.

Mr. Garriga said some of the other counties provide regional mental healthcare facilities. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said the only place the Chancellor can order lunacy patients is to the state hospital. Some Chancellors said they will send them to private hospitals if the family secures a bed.

6. Senior Expo

Susan East appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding the Senior Expo. She thanked the Board for allowing her to discuss the Expo and said she appreciates the past support of the Board for the Expo. Ms. East said she would like to see the Board attend to Expo. She said that vendors have increased from 70 to 84 and participants have increased from 770 to 997 in the last two years. She said this year the theme is “the fifties”. She said the city has agreed to let us have the arena and she is hoping to have antique cars. She said the Expo will be on Friday, May 9th, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Ms. East she is before the Board to seek support for the event.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked about the event and Ms. East said that seniors come from all areas but most are from Desoto County and outside participation is growing. She said the event is designed to give information and opportunities to seniors. Ms. East said she gets calls from people in response to the Expo.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he attended last year and there was a steady stream of people going to the event.

The Board of Supervisors determined that the 2008 Senior Expo would advertise the resources and opportunities for Desoto County. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a donation of \$1,000 from advertising county resources to Lifestyle Transitions for the 2008 Senior Expo. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Advertising County Resources - MAS

County Administrator Michael Garriga asked the Board of Supervisors if they want to advertise in MAS Magazine. He suggested the Board consider if they want authorize advertising in all MAS Magazines in the future as opposed to bring the item back for each issue.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he thinks that advertising in the MAS Magazine is a good way to advertise Desoto County and is a good use of county money.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve advertising in the MAS Magazine on a regular basis as a means of advertising county resources and to approve the inside front cover ad with color. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES
Supervisor Bill Russell-----NO
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit G.7

8. Department of Road Management

Roads – Church and Craft

Road Manager Russell Dorris acknowledged that he has sent the Board of Supervisors a copy of the proposed alignment on Craft Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked for clarification. He said that Church is five lanes and Craft is five lanes on the north side of the intersection. On the south side, Craft is two lanes. Supervisor Medlin said he would like to know the cost to have a turn lane or five lanes on the south side of Church Road.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said we need to determine whether we need to do five lanes or three lanes and we need to do the project in a timely manner. He said the engineer says the five lane alignment would be best but the three lane alignment could suffice for a while if necessary. Supervisor Lewis asked how soon we can get a cost on the alignment so the Board can make a decision. Mr. Dorris said we should be able to have a cost by Wednesday.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

I. OTHER

1. Bond Funding – Priority List

Supervisor Bill Russell asked when we will have a priority list in anticipation of bond funding. Mr. Garriga said we should have the list by Wednesday.

2. Purchasing – Sole Source

Vanessa Lynchard explained that a computer for a Chancery Court Reporter failed this morning and before court and there is an emergency need to purchase equipment. In December, the same equipment was determined to be a sole source for a Circuit Court Reporter. Board Attorney Tony Nowak agreed that the equipment does qualify as a sole source because to change the equipment would require changing all of the Court Reporter's equipment.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis reminded the Board that we will only pay a percentage of the total bill after we are reimbursed by the other counties in the district.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the Chancery Court Reporter's equipment replacement to be a sole source from Stenagraph based on recommendations by county employees and the Board Attorney and authorize the expenditure for the machine and software. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Animal Shelter – Spay / Neuter Program

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked the dates for the spaying and neutering days at the Animal Shelter.

4. Homesteads

Supervisor Allen Latimer thanked Senator Davis for the update on legislation affecting Desoto County.

5. Property Acquisition

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked for an update on the sale of property in Hernando where Good Wood is located. County Administrator Michael Garriga said he would give the Board an update at the Wednesday meeting.

6. Advertising County Resources – Wesley Meadows Golf Tournament

Supervisor Bill Russell said the Wesley Meadows Golf Tournament is coming up and it is a good opportunity to advertise county resources in Desoto County because many people participate in the tournament. The Board of Supervisors discussed the opportunity and said there are many other golf tournaments in the county and it would be hard to determine which ones to support.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion to transfer \$400 from the District 3 Park fund to Advertising County Resources for support of the Wesley Meadows Golf Tournament. The motion died for lack of a second.

7. Department of Road Management

At the recommendation of Road Manager Russell Dorris, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to transfer Andrea Black from the position of Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant to a similar position in the Department of Road Management and to increase her salary to \$13.00 per hour when the move is complete and to increase Amy Moore's salary from \$13.46 per hour to \$13.96 per hour and to increase Arthur E. Johnson from \$10.50 per hour to \$10.92 per hour. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit I.7**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to recess the meeting until February 6, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 4th day February 2008, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Allen Latimer, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors