

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2011 PRESIDING**

**April 4, 2011**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The April 4, 2011 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Allen Latimer, Board President.

Supervisor 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 Absent
- 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 Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES**

The Board of Supervisors considered some questions regarding the minutes for March and made clarifications on some items.

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of March, 2011. Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for February 2011 and as presented this date with changes previously submitted pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES
- Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES
- Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**See Exhibit D**

**E. CONSENT**

The Board of Supervisors considered the items on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to

approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

**1. Dept. of Human Resources: Monthly Health Claims**

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

Funding Request	Date Paid	Amount	Claim Type
<b>Date</b>			
3/1/11	3/1/11	\$75,272.39	Administration Fees
3/7/11	3/8/11	\$63,420.16	Medical
3/7/11	3/8/11	\$1,840.37	Dental
3/7/11	3/8/11	\$17,335.43	Pharmacy
3/14/11	3/21/11	\$71,591.03	Medical
3/14/11	3/21/11	\$3,464.15	Dental
3/14/11	3/21/11	\$15,340.01	Pharmacy
3/21/11	3/22/11	\$32,150.48	Medical
3/21/11	3/22/11	\$0.00	Dental
3/21/11	3/22/11	\$13,818.38	Pharmacy
3/28/11	3/29/11	\$35,823.08	Medical
3/28/11	3/29/11	\$327.00	Dental
3/28/11	3/29/11	\$15,944.24	Pharmacy

**2. Justice Court Report**

Criminal Cases Filed	80
Civil Cases Filed	383
Traffic Tickets Filed	604
Total Cases Filed	1,067
State Assessments	\$69,671.00
County General Fund	\$101,170.57
Total Collections	\$170,841.57

**3. Bailiff Pay-** Shirley Holmes – \$95.00 Liz Medlin - \$475.00

**4. Constable Annual Financial Report-** Elizabeth Medlin

**5. Publication of Board Proceedings**

**6. Office of Finance & Accounting**

**a. Budget Amendments-**Detailed in Exhibit E.6.a

**b. Quarterly Allocations**

**QUARTERLY BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

**For Quarter Ending June 30, 2011**

TAX ASSESSOR:

Department 103.....\$318,650.92

TAX COLLECTOR:

Department 104.....\$335,351.58

SHERIFF:

Department 200 (Sheriff Administration).....\$ 264,597.50

Department 201 (Aviation).....\$ 59,569.17

Department 202 (Patrol/Law Enforcement).....\$ 2,431,606.83

Department 210 (Highway Safety Grant).....\$ 48,131.25

Department 220 (Custody of Prisoners).....\$ 973,813.83

Department 222 (Prisoners' Medical Expense) \$ 313,438.58

Department 223 (Juvenile Detention).....\$ 248,008.83

Department 225 (Rescue Unit).....\$ 6,840.50

**TOTAL.....\$4,346,006.49**

**c. Approve Interfund Loans (2)**

From: General County Fund	001-000-054	\$36,500.00
To: State Aid Fund	170-000-149	\$36,500.00
From: General County Fund	001-000-054	\$1,224.00

**7. Sheriff’s Dept.: - Approve Unmarked Vehicles**

<u>County #</u>	<u>Vin#</u>	<u>County #</u>	<u>Vin#</u>
<u>30909</u>	<u>2FAFP74W71X125180</u>	<u>39508</u>	<u>1FTDW12V08FB19333</u>
<u>31168</u>	<u>1FAFP52UX2A190721</u>	<u>39600</u>	<u>1J4GW48S34C194435</u>
<u>31274</u>	<u>1FCJE39H9NHB54036</u>	<u>39800</u>	<u>2FAHP71W85X152665</u>
<u>31278</u>	<u>1B4HR38NX2F140046</u>	<u>39803</u>	<u>2FAHP71W36X156865</u>
<u>32253</u>	<u>1FAFP52U63A118156</u>	<u>39808</u>	<u>2FAHP71W45X156860</u>
<u>32284</u>	<u>2FAFP71WXYX146264</u>	<u>39840</u>	<u>2FAHP71WX5X127105</u>
<u>33185</u>	<u>1GKDS13SX42256756</u>	<u>39841</u>	<u>2FAHP71W05X127100</u>
<u>34037</u>	<u>2FAFP71W11X160740</u>	<u>39842</u>	<u>2FAHP71W05X144382</u>
<u>34057</u>	<u>2FAFP71W22X114643</u>	<u>39928</u>	<u>1GNEC03069R262923</u>
<u>34080</u>	<u>2FAFP74W55X130545</u>	<u>40205</u>	<u>3GCRCSE00AG2138119</u>
<u>34605</u>	<u>2FAFP74V76X116235</u>	<u>40218</u>	<u>1N6AA0EK3AN309250</u>
<u>34987</u>	<u>2B3KA43H17H697426</u>	<u>40248</u>	<u>1GNMCAE00AR217737</u>
<u>36859</u>	<u>2G1WD58C769272806</u>	<u>40255</u>	<u>1GNMCAE09AR220460</u>
<u>36918</u>	<u>1HTSCAAM3SH64715</u>	<u>40277</u>	<u>1FTRW08L72KB62736</u>
<u>36932</u>	<u>1GTHK29U36E283973</u>	<u>40577</u>	<u>2FAHP71W66X154724</u>
<u>38434</u>	<u>2FAHP74V78XK149747</u>	<u>40833</u>	<u>2FAHP71V38X145568</u>
<u>38464</u>	<u>2FAFP71W01X129205</u>	<u>40884</u>	<u>1D7RB1CT8BS601327</u>
<u>38494</u>	<u>1FTPW12V58FB77535</u>	<u>40889</u>	<u>2FABP7BV9BX131458</u>
<u>38859</u>	<u>2FAHP71W47X138426</u>	<u>40890</u>	<u>1GNLC2E04BR238951</u>
<u>38860</u>	<u>2FAHP71W07X138424</u>	<u>40908</u>	<u>2FAHP71V18X101536</u>
<u>39366</u>	<u>5N1BR18A18C629368</u>		

**8. Department of Road Management**

- a. **Road Report and Work Schedule**
- b. **Road Bond Report**

**9. Chancery Clerk Allowance - \$1,500.00**

**10. Purchase Requisitions: Administration, BOS, Law Library**

- a. **Add Mallory House to Sign**
- b. **Remove Charmaine McCool**

**11. Grants Administration**

- a. **Sigma Supply-Approve Modification**
- b. **Accept USTA Grant for Tennis Courts (\$5,000)**
- c. **Accept LEPC Grant – Local Emergency Planning**

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
 Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
 Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
 Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit E

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Insurance Committee**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said at the last meeting the Board of Supervisors approved assigning a committee for procuring an insurance broker for the county and later for getting quotes for the county’s suite of insurance. Mr. Garriga said the committee was assigned except for one position for an Elected Official. Mr. Garriga said at the Board’s request he sent out an email to Elected Officials to request a volunteer for the committee. Mr. Garriga said not one has come forward at this time. He said there is a need for the county to move forward with the project and an Elected Official can join the committee later.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said speaking as an Elected Official with 247 employees he would like to volunteer for the vacant seat on the committee.

Supervisor Eugene Thach confirmed there is already an elected official committee member from the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve Sheriff Bill Rasco as the Elected Official on the insurance committee to represent the Elected Officials. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. MS Public Service Commission: High Speed Internet Update**

Supervisor Allen Latimer welcomed Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley to the Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting. He said his office takes these requests seriously. Mr. Presley said high speed internet access is just as important today as paved roads were 50 years ago. He said one of the highest numbers of calls he receives is regarding broadband. Mr. Presley said much of DSL and broadband has been taken out of state jurisdiction. He said a lot of that has been taken out of the control of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Presley said they do have access to the Universal Service fund. He said this fund is money that is charged to Mississippi consumers. Mr. Presley said the money goes to USAC in Washington and then back to the states. Mississippi pays in \$60 million annually to the federal government through the universal service fund. He said \$280 million is given back to the state. Mr. Presley said about \$100 million of that money goes to service the wireless industry in Mississippi. He said the State of Mississippi receives more USF funds than any other state. Those companies must come before the Public Service Commission to show how those funds are being spent to increase coverage.

Mr. Presley encouraged the Board to assist in finding the specific areas with issues and he will leave forms to be filled out for documenting the issues. Mr. Presley said the FCC has started a program called Broadband Dead Zone Report and handed out these forms to the Board of Supervisors. He said people with broadband concerns can use these forms as a way to communicate their issues to the Public Service Commission which will enable the PSC to identify areas that lack coverage. They can access the web site and enter a phone number and it will show options for that area. He said citizens can log on to the web site and fill out the survey as well. He said the Dead Zone Report is sent to the PSC and is aggregated. He said cases must be made to expand coverage and there must be enough customers to help re-coop the money.

Mr. Presley said the Public Service Commission does not promote one company over another company. Currently AT&T is prohibited from access to the funds. They are such a large company

therefore they must use their profits. Mr. Presley expressed his opinion that all companies should be able use the funds. He stressed the importance of the PSC receiving information from the public. Supervisor Bill Russell said there is some confusion with wireless access. The internet can be accessed on a cell phone from someone's home, but they cannot necessarily access it on their computer. Mr. Presley said there is an air card, but it is not as fast as DSL. Supervisor Russell said one subdivision in his district does not have access to an air card or cable.

Supervisor Russell asked Mr. Presley for the web site information and phone number that is available to the public. Mr. Presley said the web site is [www.psc.state.ms.us](http://www.psc.state.ms.us) and click Mr. Presley's name, and click zap the gap. Mr. Presley gave his phone number, 800-356-6428 to report areas without coverage. He said the second Tuesday of each month his office is available and located in the Hernando City Hall. He said there is also a state launched web site available to citizens so they can check for coverage in their area which is [www.msbb.broadmap.com](http://www.msbb.broadmap.com). He said they will also take the information by phone.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis thanked Mr. Leon Ferguson for helping him get in touch with a company regarding various issues. He said after talking to the companies, they will go where it is profitable to offer the service.

Mr. Presley said Tupelo is doing away with text books. If there are issues with infrastructure, that could not be done. He said they will work to get all the issues to each carrier and make sure they are aware of the situation.

Supervisor Lewis said sometimes the air card works if you are located close to a tower. If you are not close to a tower, it will not work. He said there has to be a strong enough signal. Mr. Presley confirmed that is correct.

Supervisor Lewis asked if there is stimulus money for broadband. Mr. Presley said there are some target grants and funding information on the web site which is very accurate at [www.msbb.broadmap.com](http://www.msbb.broadmap.com).

Supervisor Allen Latimer said there are groups of people in the meeting that are having trouble going online. Is their solution to go on the web site? Mr. Presley said yes. He said broadband industry has been, deregulated so they are trying to "grease the squeaky wheel". It is important for people to call or send their coverage issues to the PSC.

Supervisor Latimer said there are representatives with the School District in the meeting today and asked if they have questions. No one came forward.

Supervisor Latimer said there are also company representatives in the meeting who provide broadband. Supervisor Latimer asked if any of the representatives would like to speak.

Mike Perkins with Firenet 1 said his company provides coverage to those who do not have access to broadband today. He said the company's mission is to provide service where there is no service available. Mr. Perkins said they use the same options as cell phone providers. He said they have a difficult time delivering service. He said they currently have 18 towers and about 300 customers. Mr. Perkins said DSL stops at Holly Springs Road and Hwy 305. He said they need more towers. Mr. Perkins said, as a service to the community, they supplied DSL to the volunteer fire departments at no charge.

Supervisor Lewis asked what height is a tower. Mr. Perkins said approximately 195 feet.

Supervisor Russell asked if users are required to have a dish. Mr. Perkins said yes, but it is about the size of a novel.

DeSoto County Chief Building Inspector Randy Williams said the clear site line at his brother's house is not enough to allow him to get a signal. Mr. Williams asked if it is okay if an individual connects with a tower that is about 20 feet high to reach the signal. Mr. Perkins said in most cases it is possible.

Sapan Keriwala said his company's name is Do You WIFI. He said he is located in Lake of the Hills area and DSL is limited. He said half of the community has internet service and the other half does not have service. Mr. Keriwala said they are trying to set up antennas to provide the service. He said

the antennas are low visibility and go below tree line and are community specific. He said if they do not have a good line of sight the signal may not be accessible. Mr. Keriwala pointed out that trees and leaves dissipate the signal. He said it is not cost effective for a small company to spend \$15,000 plus on a tower to serve ten to twenty customers.

Supervisor Russell said although Mr. Perkins and Mr. Keriwala are in competition, they may be able to work together as well. He asked if the companies have thought about setting up a help line for the public to call for assistance. Supervisor Russell said the companies need a communication tool.

Mr. Keriwala said they may be using different software and that would make it ineffective. He said it can be a logistical nightmare.

Mr. Presley asked if they registered on broadband. Both companies said they would like to be registered.

Planning Director Jim McDougal said the county will need to be proactive in getting broadband when looking at I-69 and I-269. He said the entire community will be affected. Mr. McDougal said in talking with Mr. Presley there is a sense of importance for broadband and fiber optic.

Supervisor Latimer said when people call there is no law or reason to change the business so they will have to rely on capitalism to find an alternative.

Mr. Presley said people can use the web site to find out their individual options. He said if they have no options they can fill out the Dead Zone Report and there might be hope. They need to get those areas to his office and he can send the information to people who can get something done.

Lee Caldwell of DeSoto County Schools said they have 32,000 students and are very concerned about internet services and access for the students. Ms. Caldwell said technology is a big part of education for all students.

Supervisor Latimer said we have received a lot of calls from people about phone plans in the county.

Mr. Presley said there have been changes in that program. He said they will come back to the Board soon to discuss those changes.

Supervisor Lewis said that Congressman Nunnelee’s office is represented at the meeting as well.

Supervisor Russell said he would like to see if the Board would assimilate and compile information for the subdivisions that do not have services and possibly get a resolution. Supervisor Russell also asked if we can provide people with a phone number when they inquire with the county.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the County Administrator’s Office will do whatever is necessary to assimilate information and gather data.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to notify the public to call the County Administrator’s Office or Board of Supervisor’s Office to report issues with broadband services and instructed the County Administrator’s Office to compile the information and forward to the Public Service Commissioner’s Office. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**2. Jail Presentation**

Michael Childress, Architect and partner with Evans, Taylor, Foster and Childress Architects, and Irb Benjamin, DeSoto County Jail Consultant, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present a preliminary plan for the 2011 Jail expansion.

Mr. Childress presented a computer generated model of the new jail. Mr. Childress said he has been meeting with staff of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Bill Rasco, County Administrator Michael Garriga, Irb Benjamin and others the past two to three months regarding the jail. He said they are about two weeks away from requesting bids for the construction of the jail and he wanted the Board of Supervisors to see the preliminary jail plans before proceeding on the final plan.

Mr. Childress presented the computer model and explained various aspects of the jail. He said the needs assessment was for 270 beds, 200 beds for male inmates and 70 beds for female inmates. This model is for 280 beds and 80 beds will be for female inmates. Mr. Childress said there are six double cells in the plan. Mr. Childress pointed out the indoor recreation area, the central corridor which will allow for the expansion of the jail for future buildings such as courts etc. and said there is ample room for jail population growth.

Mr. Childress pointed out the laundry area, kitchen, medical, and intake and other support areas. He said these support areas will meet basic needs and will be expandable for future growth. There will be enough equipment to accommodate 300 inmates. Mr. Childress said utilities will be in place to accommodate future population growth, but equipment will need to be purchased to hook up to the utilities at the time of expansion.

Mr. Childress said the medical unit will have a separate male and female waiting room. There will be exam rooms, nurse's station, medical supply and pharmacy and wards as well as cells.

Mr. Childress said the booking area is also separate for males and females. Mr. Childress said the new jail will be minimum security. The existing jail will house medium and maximum security inmates.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said he likes the plan. As we plan forward for 20 years, the infrastructure will be in place now. It will be more cost effective than to build it later. The new building will be more efficient.

Supervisor Bill Russell said this is a good footprint for the jail. He asked if they could see the aerial view to show the amount of land.

Mr. Childress pointed out there is 52 acres of land. He said the fenced area is four acres. He said they will be disturbing eight acres of land. Mr. Childress said there are 44 parking spaces. He said they took the total number of employees of the first and second shift and added 19 more spaces.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said they are looking at a skylight system for the visitation area. He said that will help with energy efficiency. Mr. Childress said the building is designed to be energy efficient with sky lights to admit natural light.

Mr. Childress referred to the access road to the facility. He said they are looking into web based visits as well as videos for courts being web based. Sheriff Rasco said that will really help the officers when they need to see what is going on in other areas. Mr. Childress said it will be centrally controlled and monitored. He described the outside entrance and delivery areas. He said all areas will be covered with heavy duty asphalt. All utilities are underground and there is a generator in case of loss of power. The entire community is fenced.

Sheriff Rasco noted that the trash compactor will be very beneficial in managing trash.

Supervisor Russell asked what type of material will be used to construct the walls and if it will be similar to warehouses. Mr. Childress said it will be better than a warehouse wall. The roof is the same as they put on the juvenile center. There are skylights to capture the day light when the lights can be turned down.

Supervisor Russell asked if there are windows. Mr. Childress said no. He said all lights meet energy efficient standards. He also showed the future expansion area.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the color of the brick. Mr. Childress said it has not been selected yet. He said they will bring samples to the Board for their selection.

Supervisor Russell said if the drawings can be completed in two weeks and bids requested in mid-April or May 1, then construction can begin June or by July 1.

Jail Consultant Irb Benjamin said there will be a single tower for observation. He said there will be an inner-look control system which will operate from one tower. This type of system is a big cost savings because you only need one tower. Mr. Childress said the essential inmate doors are automatic.

Mr. Childress said today they would ask the Board of Supervisors to authorize his firm to accept the design and request bids for construction.

Mr. Garriga said, in addition to accepting the design and bidding the construction, he would like the Board to consider, waive all parking and landscaping requirements as specified by the DeSoto County Design Manual, waive all building and construction permit fees as required by the DeSoto County Building Department, and to appoint Kenny Evans as construction project manager.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the design of the new jail as presented by Evans, Taylor, Foster and Childress Architects and to authorize the Office of Procurement to request bids for the construction, waive all parking and landscaping requirements as specified by the DeSoto County Design Manual, waive all building and construction permit fees as required by the DeSoto County Building Department, and to appoint Kenny Evans as construction project manager. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

Sheriff Bill Rasco said he wanted to let the Board of Supervisors know the Special Investigations Division has moved into the existing building on the jail property. He said Facilities Management did an outstanding job renovating the building. That building is a cost savings to the county because now they do not pay rent to house that department. Sheriff Rasco extended an invitation to the Board to visit the new building possibly when they meet on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**3. 2011 Redistricting: Precinct Plan Proposal**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the Circuit Clerk and Election Commissioners are here to present proposed voting precinct and voting site changes. He said if the proposed changes are satisfactory with the Board they will ask the Board of Supervisors set a Public Hearing to formally adopt the resolution for the relocation of voting precincts.

Tim Youngblood of Bridge and Watson Consultants said his colleague Chris Watson has worked with the Election Commissioners, County Administrator and Board Attorney on the precinct changes. He said the Election Commission determined the need to consolidate some of the precincts and some needed to be split. He said the DeSoto County GIS Department produced maps and have done a wonderful job of helping with the redistricting process. He presented the recommendations for changes as follows:

**Precincts & Polling Places – Changes to Coordinate with New District Lines**

**District 1**

Supervisor – Jesse Medlin

Election Commissioner – Paul Beale

- Precinct:** - Move NE corner of Ingrams Mill to Miller  
- Take N part of Olive Branch North and create Germantown Road

- Polling Place:**  
Ingrams Mill  
- Move from Community Center to Fire Station #2  
Germantown Road  
- New location at 1<sup>st</sup> Cumberland Presbyterian Church
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#### District 2

Supervisor – Gene Thach

Election Commissioner – Barry Chatham

- Precinct:** - Move NW corner of Olive Branch West (Dist.1) to Mineral Wells (Dist.2)  
- Move NW corner of DeSoto Central (Dist.2) to Aldens (now NWCC) (Dist.4)
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#### District 3

Supervisor – Bill Russell

Election Commissioner – Danny Klein

- Precinct:** - Move NW portion of Greenbrook South (Dist. 2) to Southaven North (Dist. 3)  
- Move portion (at Austin/Baldwin Rds) of Horn Lake South (Dist. 4) to Lake Cormorant (Dist. 3)
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#### District 4

Supervisor – Allen Latimer

Election Commissioner – Carl Payne

- Precinct:** - Eliminate Oak Grove (Dist. 5); N portion moves to Nesbit West (Dist. 4) and remainder goes to Hernando West – Oak Grove  
- Aldens to be renamed NWCC

**Polling Place:**

- Horn Lake East  
- Move from Fire Station #1 to the Library  
Horn Lake South  
- Move from Fire Station #2 to Calvary Baptist Church
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#### District 5

Supervisor – Tommy Lewis

Election Commissioner – Tina Hill

- Precinct:** - Move SE corner of DeSoto Central to Nesbit East  
- Eliminate Oak Grove; S portion moves to Hernando West – Oak Grove  
- Move SE portion of Nesbit West to Hernando West – Oak Grove

**Polling Place:**

- Oak Grove (eliminated)/ Hernando West – Oak Grove  
- Close Oak Grove Baptist Church; now vote at Gale Center in Hernando  
Nesbit East

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the state redistricting affected this proposal. He asked if there will be a need for additional changes. Mr. Youngblood said that is a possibility, but there is no way to know until the plan has been developed.

Supervisor Russell said he appreciated the Consultants, Election Commissioners and Circuit Clerk working to get this done so quickly. He said there was an issue about the precinct at Pleasant Hill South and asked if it has been cleared up. Mr. Youngblood explained that the Pleasant Hill South Precinct was drawn outside of its original district in error and now the polling place must be moved.

Mayor Greg Davis of the City of Southaven asked how difficult it would be to move the Brookhaven precinct to Southaven City Hall so the city and county can vote at the same place. Mayor Davis said Greenbrook North is no longer a fire station and the building is being used for storage.

Dale Thompson said we will have to find a place for Pleasant Hill South since precincts cannot cross district lines. Supervisor Latimer asked if another place could be found to get away from the old fire station. Election Commissioner Danny Klein said they will need a place to handle about 3,000 voters.

Election Commissioner Carl Payne said the Election Commission is negotiating for a site for Horn Lake South with the Calvary Baptist Church. They are still waiting for confirmation.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he hopes that as cities redraw lines, the county and cities can look at ways to coordinate voting locations to increase voter turnout. Supervisor Lewis commended them in their efforts to do that.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize the Consultants with Bridge and Watson to work with the Election Commissioners and the Circuit Clerk to accommodate the suggestions made for the voting precincts and then set a Public Hearing on April 18<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of adopting precinct and voting location changes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**See Exhibit G.3**

#### **4. Law Library Committee Report: Recommendation**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said a couple of months ago Attorney Bill Ballard appeared before the Board of Supervisors concerning the law library. Mr. Garriga said a committee was formed to discuss the Regional Library taking on the law library services. He said the committee had several meetings and established a recommendation.

Mr. Garriga said he and Mr. Ballard recently met at the law library. He reviewed the financial summary and expenses have been less than revenues. Mr. Garriga said the Board Attorney did a survey of the Bar Association. The survey showed that the law library as it is now, generally is not necessary for their purposes. Mr. Garriga recommended transferring all services and ownership to the First Regional Library. This would allow First Regional Library to utilize the law library funds to buy, purchase and procure resources to allow the other five libraries in the county to have access to the law library information online including the purchase of computers for that specific use. In addition, First Regional Library will subscribe to multiple subscription services which are very costly. Mr. Garriga asked Sheriff Rasco if there is a computer at the jail that the inmates can use to so they would have access to the law library information. Sheriff Bill Rasco said yes, it is possible.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if there is a recommendation for the building that is currently used for the law library. Mr. Garriga said this change will eliminate the need for the county to have a physical location for the bound books and other information housed in the law library. Mr. Garriga said the building can be used for document storage which is a definite need of the county. Sheriff Rasco reminded the Board that the Sheriff's Office currently has storage in a section of the building.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if anyone present had any comments.

First Regional Library Director Catherine Nathan said there was a discussion about increasing the fees taken in by the law library.

Mr. Garriga said we talked about adjusting the fees, but wanted to wait until the transfer is final.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if computers are only available for the law library. Ms. Nathan said they would have three subscriptions, akin to seats at the table. The way their subscriptions work, there will be opportunities for three people to access the law library subscriptions at any given time. She said they have had similar subscriptions in the library and it has worked very well. Ms. Nathan said anyone with a library card and pin number can access the law library records.

Supervisor Latimer asked if the county will owe money to the library. Ms. Nathan said no, the current funds for the library would be sufficient to allow the First Regional Library to operate the law library

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to

accept the recommendation of the County Administrator to move the DeSoto County Law Library operation and funding to the First Regional Library. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize the Smith, Phillips, Scott, Mitchell and Nowak to work on any agreements necessary for the First Regional Library to take the DeSoto County Law library. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**See Exhibit G.4**

## **5. Administration Building Energy Policies for Green Globe Certification**

John Ferguson of Siemens Industry appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present an opportunity for DeSoto County. Mr. Ferguson said part of the energy project is for governments to lead the way in creating sustainable buildings. Mr. Ferguson said he has been working with Kenny Evans to develop an energy policy for the DeSoto County Administrative Building. He said this will put DeSoto County above and beyond as a government leader in energy efficient facilities. Mr. Ferguson said they have been working behind the scenes and doing assessments and presented the policy which makes the Administration Building the first existing building to be certified in the State of Mississippi as a Green Globe facility. This shows commitment by the county on the project. He said after the policy is approved, they will start on the courthouse.

Vanessa Lynchard said the county has used some energy rated energy products for a few years. She said Mr. Evans has instructed the Office of Procurement to bid green cleaners in the next janitorial bid. He is testing some of those products now. Mr. Ferguson said as a management group the county has a good practice of seeking out energy efficient and green items.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the Board committed to this and the county has made good progress. He confirmed this policy applies to only the Administrative Building.

Director of Facilities Management Kenny Evans said he has been working with Mr. Ferguson and Procurement on green cleaning products. The county will start using green products in the next janitorial bid. The goal is to certify the courthouse and then the other county buildings if practical. A lot of places like schools are already using green products.

Mr. Ferguson said the Administration Building will be done by the policy and then the courthouse can be done at a later time.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the new jail is being built to these standards. Mr. Evans said he talked to the Architect Mike Childress and he said some of that is already being done on the new jail.

Vanessa said Facilities Management is the only department using green products. She said if the Board adopts a policy all departments would have to use reasonable efforts to purchase green cleaners. Vanessa said the Road Department and Animal Shelter also purchase cleaning products but, unless directed by the Board, they are not currently obligated to purchase green products. Mr. Ferguson said Vanessa makes a good point. He said his role is to facilitate the process in the best interest of the county. He said doing one facility lays the ground work and then they can see how the other facilities relate to the process.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve and adopt the energy policy for DeSoto County as outlined in Exhibit G.5. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**See Exhibit G.5**

**6. Invitation to the Presidential Volunteer Service Award Program**

Volunteer Coordinator for the Community Foundation Peggy Linton said this is the first year Volunteer Northwest Mississippi is recognizing volunteers in DeSoto County. She said there is a dinner and she wanted to invite the Board of Supervisors to come and bring a guest. She said some of the volunteers will attend from throughout the county and named a few of the winners.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Ms. Linton for inviting them to the event.

**7. Office of Finance & Accounting: Claims Docket**

Finance Clerk Stephanie Hanks and Chief Financial Officer Tom Arnold of the Office of Finance and Accounting presented the claims docket to the Board. Ms. Hanks read the items on the claims docket individually and the Board discussed these items.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**See Exhibit G.7**

**8. Agreement with Levy Board to Maintain Bass Landing**

Greenway Coordinator Larry Jarrett said they have applied for a grant for Bass Landing in the amount of \$84,000. It is a 20% match and will go toward grading, trail work and benches. He said the county entered into an agreement with the Levy Board for Bass Landing in 1987. Bass Landing is the only public access to the Mississippi River in DeSoto County. He said it is extremely important for Search and Rescue. He said it will increase time of the county's agreement with the Levy Board to 41 years. He said the new agreement will allow them to pursue an area for parking or recreation. Mr. Jarrett said there is an agreement and the Levy Board has agreed to move forward with the project. He said Board Attorney Tony Nowak has looked at the agreement.

Mr. Nowak said there is no cost except the County's obligation to provide maintenance of the area. He said there is a 90 day right to cancel the agreement.

The Board discussed the merits of the parking lot and the cost of the maintenance.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if Road Manager Russell Dorris is okay with the contract. Mr. Dorris said if they do the work, will they bill the Greenway Program for the cost. Supervisor Russell said they are not considering that now.

Supervisor Lewis verified that we are not yet agreeing to any money. Mr. Jarrett said that is correct.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to move forward with the agreement with the Levy Board for the right to use Bass Landing as a public greenways area. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit G.8

**9. Board Appointments**

**a. Board of Adjustments (District 4)**

**(1) Accept Resignation of Jim McKell**

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Jim McKell on the DeSoto County Board of Adjustments effective April 30, 2011. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**(2) Appoint D.W. Gilbert**

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint D.W. Gilbert as District 4 appointee to the Board of Adjustments effective April 30, 2011 to fill the unexpired term of Jim McKell. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said that Mr. Gilbert works for Inspector Storey in Emergency Services and he cannot get compensation for his work on the Board of Adjustments and he must recuse himself on any issue that involves the county.

**b. DeSoto County Convention and Visitors Bureau**

**(1) District 2**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to reappoint Lamar Rodman to the DeSoto County Convention and Visitors Bureau to represent District 2. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**(2) District 3**

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to reappoint Harold Moore to the DeSoto County Convention and Visitors Bureau to represent District 3. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
 Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
 Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
 Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit G.9

**10. Office of Procurement: Bids Under Advisement**

**a. Dept. of Road Management 2011 Hot Asphalt Overlay**

Director of Procurement Vanessa Lynchard presented bids for the 2011 hot asphalt overlay contract as prepared by the Road Department as follows and as fully detailed in Exhibit G.10.a:

	**LOW BID**		
Engineering Estimate	Standard Construction	Lehman-Roberts	APAC
\$2,058,515.00	\$1,955,781.80	\$1,968,715.70	\$2,025,520.50

At the recommendation of the Road Department, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the low bid from Standard Construction for 2011 hot asphalt overlay. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
 Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
 Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
 Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit G.10

**11. Summers Hill Fire Protection District**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said that Summers Hill Fire Protection District (District) commissioners would like to dissolve the District later this year. He said the City of Olive Branch intends to have a municipal fire department serve the area serviced by the District. The city would need to receive the distribution of taxes for the area the District currently receives, including the fire protection district tax and the county wide insurance rebate tax. Mr. Nowak said the City of Olive Branch would implement a municipal tax to replace the fire protection district specific tax. The issue is confirming the County’s intent to share the insurance rebate tax with the municipal district in the same manner it is shared with the District.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the people need to know this change will mean they will pay a lower tax to the County but may have similar taxes implemented by the city.

Supervisor Russell asked what happens to the District’s fire equipment. Mr. Nowak said it will go to the city.

Mr. Nowak said the Board has before them today a request from the City for a commitment to allocate the appropriate share to the municipal district if established.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked what will happen to the building. Mr. Nowak said if the county owns the building, the county will continue to maintain ownership, but may allow the City to use the same through mutual aid agreement. However, if the District has title to the building it will transfer to the City.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the insurance rebate money to the municipal district, once established, under the same formula used for all districts. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

## **12. Department of Road Management: Development Bonds**

Road Manager Russell Dorris said there are eight uncompleted subdivisions that are less than four years old.

County Engineer Andy Swims said they are taking steps to try and protect the county in these types of situations. Mr. Swims presented a copy of a letter he sent to the developers in November, 2010. The letter listed all of the subdivisions and developers connected with these subdivisions. Mr. Swims said at this time he has not received a response from any of the developers.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said some of the subdivisions have changed hands.

Mr. Swims said he sent the letter on November 30, 2010 and gave the developers until April 29, 2011 to respond. He said he has been in conversation with each developer and he wants to protect the county for having to bear the expense to fix the roads.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said, unless the condition of the road is declining, he does not think it will benefit the county to pave the roads now.

Mr. Swims said he does not want the roads to deteriorate before the Board takes action.

Mr. Dorris said some of the developers want to overlay the roads now, but most of them want a time extension.

Supervisor Russell asked if they agree to increase the bonds if it would work. Mr. Swims said it is tough to get the developers to do anything and even the banks are putting this off.

Supervisor Russell said if we take the money we have to finish the road. Mr. Nowak explained that legally, the county does not have to complete the road. He said he understands the Board's need to balance the county's legal obligation with the moral obligation to provide roads to residents in subdivisions. He said the Board, after pulling a bond, would have to accept the road and put it on the county road register before they can do work on the road.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he thinks each subdivision should be handled individually.

Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested that Mr. Dorris and Mr. Swims discuss the issue Mr. Nowak and come back to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation.

No motions were made nor votes taken on the issue.

**See Exhibit G.12**

## **13. Environmental Services-Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Residential Collection Services**

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented an RFP for solid waste collection, recycling and the rubbish site operation.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the committee would like to have one more meeting very soon.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this item.

**H. PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA – 11:00 a.m.**

DeSoto County Board of Supervisors  
Planning Agenda  
**April 4, 2011**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minor Lot**

*District 4*

**Berry Acres Minor Lot (6812) – Application is for final subdivision approval of one (1) lot of 3 acres and one (1) lot of 77.8 acres out of 80.8 acres. Subject property is located on the west side of Horn Lake Road and south of Starlanding Road in Section 20, Township 2, Range 8 and is zoned Agricultural-Residential (A-R). (District 4)**

**Teague Minor Lot (6813) – Application is for final subdivision approval of one (1) lot of 5 acres and one (1) lot of 15.33 acres out of 20.33 acres. Subject property is located on the south side of Highway 304 and west of Bluff Road in Section 17, Township 3, Range 9 and is zoned Agricultural (A). (District 4)**

Mr. McDougal presented the applications above and stated they appear to be in compliance with the County’s Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, subject to right-of-way dedication and Health Department approval. He noted that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of these two applications.

Supervisor Latimer made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda subject to staff recommendations and required dedication of public road right-of-way and Health Department approvals. Supervisor Thach seconded the Motion.

THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS MATTER:

FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, JESSIE MEDLIN	<u>ABSENT</u>
SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, EUGENE THACH	<u>YES</u>
THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, BILL RUSSELL	<u>YES</u>
FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, ALLEN LATIMER	<u>YES</u>
FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, TOMMY LEWIS	<u>YES</u>

**Other Items:**

**1. Gray’s Creek Subdivision – Request by Ronnie Young to install Security Gates**

Mr. McDougal presented a petition from Ronnie Young signed by all homeowners of Gray’s Creek subdivision to install a gate at the entrance of the subdivision. Mr. McDougal stated there is a law in the state of Mississippi that prohibits gates on public roads. He went on to state the petition signed by the homeowners of Gray’s Creek Subdivision clearly states the homeowners are aware that the roads within the subdivision will be private roads maintained by the homeowners in order for a gate to be installed at the entrance of the subdivision.

Supervisor Russell asked if the roads within Gray’s Creek Subdivision were currently public roads. Mr. McDougal clarified that the roads within Gray’s Creek Subdivision are not public roads. He went on to state it is his understanding that the gate is temporary and will be removed once the subdivision is more built out.

Mr. W.E. Davis stated that new buyers of lots in Gray’s Creek Subdivision will not be aware they are buying a lot in a gated community because it is not noted as such on the plat recorded with Chancery Court. Supervisor Russell asked if the plat will need to be rerecorded to address the gate. Mr. Garriga stated there will probably need to be some type of identification of the gate added to the recorded plat. Mr. McDougal

stated that could be acknowledged by placing a copy of the Board of Supervisors Order approving the gated entrance in the jacket with the recorded plat in Chancery Court.

Mr. Russell Dorris asked if the Board thought of a way to provide maintenance to the roads to protect the homeowners with in the subdivision. Mr. Tony Nowak stated the homeowners of Gray's Creek Subdivision would be responsible for the roads as they would be private roads, not public roads. Mr. Dorris stated he is concerned with the roads not being properly maintained causing emergency issues.

Mr. Andy Swims asked what needs to be done with road bond currently being held for the development. Mr. McDougal stated that the total responsibility of the roads will revert to the Homeowners' Association; therefore the bond will terminate itself.

The Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County, Mississippi (the "County"), took up for consideration the matter of authorizing the developers of Gray's Creek Subdivision to install gates to the entrances of the subdivision. After a discussion of the subject, Supervisor Tommy Lewis offered and moved the adoption of the following order:

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DESOTO COUNTY,  
MISSISSIPPI (THE "COUNTY"), AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPERS OF GRAY'S  
CREEK SUBDIVISION TO INSTALL GATES AT THE ENTRANCES OF SAID  
SUBDIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, Grays Creek subdivision (the "Subdivision") is a residential development, located in Sections 33 and 34, Township 3 South, Range 7 West, previously approved by the County in accordance with the Land Subdivision Ordinance of DeSoto County; and

**WHEREAS**, the final plat of the Subdivision is recorded in Book 106, Page 7 of the land records of the DeSoto County Chancery Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the final plat of the Subdivision was amended and the final plat, first revision, is recorded in Book 109, Page 6 of the land records of the DeSoto County Chancery Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the roads of the Subdivision have not been accepted by the County and are not on the County Road Register; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2011, the developer presented a petition, signed by all the homeowners and lot owners of the Subdivision, during a public meeting of the County requesting the authority to gate the entrances of the Subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, there being no objection presented to the request for authority to gate the entrances to the Subdivision; and all homeowners and lot owners having joined in the petition for authority to gate the entrances; and the roads not being County roads, the request was found to be proper and was approved by the County on April 4, 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The developer of the Subdivision be and is hereby granted authority to install gates, of a style and nature to be approved by the DeSoto County Planning Commission, to the entrance roads of the Subdivision.

**Section 2.** The developer of the Subdivision shall provide access codes for the gates to the proper emergency response entities such as, but not limited, DeSoto County Sheriff's Department and fire department of jurisdiction.

**Section 3.** The developer of the Subdivision, or the homeowners association of the Subdivision, as may be appropriate based upon their agreements, will maintain the roads of the Subdivision.

**Section 4.** Should the developer seek to dedicate the roads of the Subdivision to the County at a later time any installed gates will have to be removed at the expense of the developer, or the homeowners association of the Subdivision, as may be appropriate based upon their agreements.

**Section 5.** This order shall be recorded with the land records of the Chancery Clerk of DeSoto County and proper reference to this order made upon the recorded plat, and all amended plats, of the Subdivision.

**RESOLVED**, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, upon motion made by Tommy Lewis and seconded by

Bill Russell, and approved by the following vote:

FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, JESSIE MEDLIN	<u>ABSENT</u>
SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, EUGENE THACH	<u>YES</u>
THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, BILL RUSSELL	<u>YES</u>
FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, ALLEN LATIMER	<u>YES</u>
FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, TOMMY LEWIS	<u>YES</u>

**2. I-69/I-269 International Trade Corridor Study Update – Staff Summary of Recent Consultant Presentations & Steering Committee Discussions**

Mr. McDougal gave a highlight of the presentation given by Ms. Sharon Younger to the Planning Commission on March 31, 2011. Mr. McDougal stated the format of a project website and logo were also discussed at the March 31, 2011 meeting.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**J. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Chancery Clerk Allowance**

On this date, the County Administrator, Michael Garriga presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, for the April 2011 term in the amount of \$1,300.00. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----	YES
Supervisor Bill Russell-----	YES
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----	YES

See Exhibit J.1

**2. Annual Jail Inspection Report**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak reminded the Board of Supervisors that it is time for the annual jail inspection.

**3. Child Advocacy Center**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said representatives of the Child Advocacy Center in Oxford want to come before the Board of Supervisors to give a presentation on their program. He said they are planning to meet with the Council of Governments at their next meeting.

**4. Soladigm Training Project**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said a new company relocating to DeSoto County, Soladigm will provide a training project which is very positive for DeSoto County. He said he is waiting to hear from the state for their allocation toward the project. Mr. Garriga said they are hoping to have a four way split on the project. He said there are multiple users in the Industrial Park in Olive Branch and others throughout the county and it is not just of training for Soladigm employees. Mr. Garriga said the county has long term training needs and this will certainly be a beneficial tool for industries in DeSoto County.

**5. Starlanding Corridor**

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to notify MDOT that the County does not wish to assume the contract MDOT has with Burkhart Horn and that the County will take steps to seek an engineering firm for the Starlanding Corridor Project. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**6. Walls Fire Department**

Supervisor Bill Russell said that Walls Fire Department will come before the Board of Supervisors soon to ask the county to build a new fire department. He said they will provide information regarding assistance the county has given to other fire departments. Supervisor Russell said he has asked them to try to settle the lawsuit with the City of Horn Lake first.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said the Nesbit Fire Department wants to move to Tulane Road and they are coming to the Board as well.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the county just spent \$50,000 at the Love Fire Department and \$50,000 at the ACI Fire Department.

State Treasurer Tate Reaves appeared before the Board to greet the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to recess the meeting until April 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----ABSENT

Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES  
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

THIS is the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011 these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Allen Latimer, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors