

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT ONE JESSIE MEDLIN, VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

August 27, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 27, 2015 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Board Vice-President.

Sheriff Bill Rasco of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and opened the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear all business before the Board of Supervisors. The following officials were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	District 1
Supervisor Mark Gardner	District 2
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Michael Lee	District 5
Sheriff Bill Rasco	Sheriff
W. E. “Sluggo” Davis	Chancery Clerk
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Lee Caldwell presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CITIZEN REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if there was anyone present in the audience who wished to address the Board regarding an item. No one was present.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if there was anyone who wished to add or delete items to the Agenda.

1. Chief Financial Officer Andrea Freeze requested to add one item to the Agenda.

a. Budget Amendment Request for Chancery Court Reporters

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments of Chancery Court Reporters to allow for the purchase of computer equipment and to correct other various line items as presented in Exhibit E.1.a.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit E.1.a.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Agenda with the additions as set forth above.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Discussions FY16

County Administrator Vanessa Lynchard went over some proposed budget changes with the Board of Supervisors.

Judge Allen Couch appeared before the Board to discuss proposed budget changes with the Board of Supervisors. Judge Couch made several cuts in his budget to allow for a pay increase for his court reporters. He pointed out that the previous Youth Court Designee made \$8,000.00 more than the new Designee so he was moving that money over to the Court Reporter line 411. This is in response to a legislative move that requires court reporters to get an \$18,000.00 raise over a 3-year period. He also pointed out that the court reporters have not had a raise since 2004. Judge Couch is not asking for an increased budget, only reallocations.

Judge Celeste Wilson appeared before the Board to discuss budget changes that would impact Juvenile Court. Judge Wilson stated she will need \$30,000.00 in line 163-554 for consulting/counseling due to the recent Supreme Court ruling that anyone one who is a party to termination of parental rights or dependency and neglect proceedings, and who is indigent, must have professional counsel appointed to represent them. Judge Wilson said she arrived at that amount based on how many cases she had last year.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Judge Wilson if they will draw from a pool of Public Defenders. County Administrator Vanessa Lynchard replied no, the judge appoints someone on a case by case basis.

Judge Wilson stated when there are requirements such as Americans with Disabilities Act or if the parent is incarcerated they must appoint them representation. She said not everyone will meet the requirements to receive the professional services. Parents will have to show proof of qualification.

Judge Wilson said the appointed attorney will receive a flat fee of approximately \$500.00. They will not bill per hour for their work.

Supervisor Mark Gardner asked Judge Wilson if they have attorneys that have agreed to the flat fee of \$500.00. Judge Wilson said they will have to agree. She said some attorneys do Guardian ad Litem work for about \$60.00 a case. She noted the attorneys go in with their eyes wide open.

Judge Wilson requested to give raises to the part-time employees. She said they have not had a raise since 2011. She said she has reallocated money in her budget to accommodate for the pay increase.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell thanked Judge Wilson and Judge Couch for finding areas in their budget to cut to allow their employees to receive pay increases.

The Board said they would take their recommendations under advisement.

The Board discussed the Constables budget and the impact of the three newly elected Constables to the FY16 budget.

The Board discussed line item 346-915 of the Fleet Management budget.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to strike the request to purchase a Tahoe for the EMS department as requested by Fiodor Baraniuk.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

The Board of Supervisors discussed the allocations to House of Grace and Child Advocacy Center.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Michael Lee seconded the motion not to give an allocation to the Child Advocacy Center in FY16.

The motion failed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>NO</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>NO</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

Supervisor Mark Gardner said he doesn't want to zero them out completely. He stated when they initially asked the Board for assistance they never informed the Board the Grant money they receive is contingent upon the county committing to annual allocations for three years.

The Board discussed the budget items in Advertising County Resources.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Michael Lee seconded the motion to reduce the following line items by ten percent: 001-675-793 DeSoto Arts Council, 001-675-794 Volunteer NW Miss and 001-675-795 Olive Branch Arts Council.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>NO</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for discussion in executive session.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to recess the Board meeting until August 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

This the 27th day of August, 2015, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie Medlin, Vice President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors