

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT ONE MARK GARDNER, PRESIDING

August 27, 2013

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 27, 2013 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Mark Gardner, Board 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 Bill Russell	District 3
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Harvey Lee	District 5
Sheriff Bill Rasco	Sheriff
W. E. Sluggo Davis	Chancery Clerk
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator
Tony Nowak	Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Lee Caldwell presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CITIZENS REMARKS & PRESENTATION

Supervisor Mark Gardner asked if there was anyone present in the audience who wished to address the Board regarding an item not on the Agenda.

No one came forward.

E. Approval of Agenda: Additions and Deletions

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

1.) Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said there have been three occasions when people were using e-cigarettes in the Courthouse. Mr. Davis asked if that is permissible.

The Board of Supervisors agreed that it is not permissible to use e-cigarettes in the Courthouse since it does emit a type of smoke.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the Agenda with the additions and deletions 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 YES
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District YES

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget Discussions

Supervisor Bill Russell said the Election Commission is requesting new voting equipment for 2014. Supervisor Russell said four of the five cities are in agreement. The cities will pay 25% and the Election Commission has money they can use toward the purchase. They are requesting the County portion of \$83,333 this year.

The Board discussed the request and Supervisor Mark Gardner said at this point in the budget process he is not sure the county can pay \$83,000 for the equipment.

Supervisor Harvey Lee asked if they have to buy it all at one time. Supervisor Mark Gardner said they would have to use two methods to count votes. Supervisor Gardner said he would like for the Election Commission to appear at the next meeting. He said he would also like to know how much the maintenance cost when they do come to the meeting.

Supervisor Harvey Lee made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve an increase in the amount of \$25,000 for the DeSoto Council.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District YES
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District YES

Supervisor Lee said the County will make that money back.

County Administrator Vanessa Lynchard said that 5% was added back into the DeSoto Historic Museum budget. The other agencies are remaining flat.

Supervisor Russell said he would like to rethink the Advertising County Resources policy. He said he has received several calls about contributions. Supervisor Medlin agreed and said there needs to be some consistency in the donations.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made a motion to revise the policy for Advertising County Resources. Supervisor Caldwell withdrew the motion.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Harvey Lee seconded the motion to cut the budget for Advertising County Resources by \$22,000.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District YES
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District YES

Chief Financial Officer Tom Arnold said the Civic Center is now reimbursing the county for repayment which shows on the revenue side and starts October 1, 2013. The annual total is \$249,816.00.

The Board discussed other items including county vehicles. They discussed needs in various

departments including the Fire Stations. The EMS Committee is studying the needs at the Fire Stations but the results will not be ready in time for budget needs.

The Board will continue to study the vehicle needs of the county.

Supervisor Gardner asked if it is possible to pay down the debt service with funds from the cities for housing their inmates. Mr. Arnold said he would check into that option.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin discussed the county road fund. There are several areas of concern and he wanted to make sure the county has enough money to do the work.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve the Road Manager to work with the State Aid Engineer to look into infrastructure needs and funding.

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>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to add \$38,362.00 for the Inspector for the Road Department back into the budget because the position will be filled.

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>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion to reduce the budget for working on private property from \$1 million to \$500,000. Supervisor Harvey Lee seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Supervisor Gardner withdrew the motion and Supervisor Lee withdrew the second to the motion.

Road Manager Andy Swims said they are working with the legislators to get funding regarding issues on Holly Springs Road Bridge. He said currently there is \$4 million set aside and \$12 million is needed.

Supervisor Gardner said the Congressional Delegation could encourage MDOT.

Supervisor Lee said he and the State Aid Engineer have talked to several people including FEMA about Short Fork.

Supervisor Gardner said he would like to keep the fees for ankle bracelets in case we do not get the grant. Supervisor Russell said we need to meet with the Judge and Sheriff. Supervisor Gardner said they are not available until next week.

Mr. Arnold said the surplus for the general fund is \$1.2 million including the unallocated funds.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

There were no items for “Executive Session”.

Supervisor Harvey Lee made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting until September 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Lee Caldwell.

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>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

THIS the 27th day of August, 2013, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Mark Gardner, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors