

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2008 PRESIDING

August 6, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 6, 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 Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PUBLIC MEETING – RELOCATION OF AVIATION FACILITY – CANCELLED

E. PLANNING COMMISSION

F. CONSENT

The Board of Supervisors considered the items presented on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1. Safety Officer’s Report**
- 2. School Bus Turnarounds**

Bobbie Harrison	2388 Starlanding Rd. W.	Nesbit	901-268-6335
Doris Slater	9385 Newell Rd	Hernando	901-634-7684
- 3. Grants- Animal Car Tag Program**
- 4. County Engineering Dept.-Travel Advance - \$511.87**
- 5. Make Starlanding Road Corridor MOU with MDOT part of the Minutes**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F**

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. DHS/Health Dept Building Construction Contract

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said he talked with Kenny Evans about changing the contract for the DHS building. He said he presented documents for approval on that project. He explained that it is the construction contract and other construction documents including bonding and insurance.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the time for completion that will be allowed in the contract. Mr. Nowak said 210 calendar days.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the construction contract between DeSoto County and the Windham McDonald Construction Company for the Department of Health and Human Services Building. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.1**

2. Impact Missions Request

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the Board had requested that he get information on the number of constituents served by Impact Missions. Mr. Garriga presented information on the services they provide. Mr. Garriga introduced Dr. David Donaldson and said he is here to speak to the Board about Impact Missions.

Dr. Donaldson said they have managed the children's shelter since 1985. He said the new management took over in 2002. Dr. Donaldson said, every year, Impact Missions has lowered the contract and this is the first time in six years he has ever asked the Board for anything outside the approved budget. He said they raise 75% from private and state reimbursements to run the shelter. In the last six months, they lost their largest donor. Dr. Donaldson said the donor's business is from the housing market and they have lost a significant amount of business. He said Impact Missions is now scrambling for new donors for the children.

Dr. Donaldson presented information on how they help the children. He asked the Board of Supervisors for \$28,000 in August. He said state and federal guidelines have changed and those changes have added cost to the shelter as well. He said they are doing a lot of repairs on the shelter building. Dr. Donaldson said the City of Horn Lake has changed their fire codes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how other counties are handling their children. Dr. Donaldson said many other counties send their emergency shelter children to foster care and to juvenile detention with violators. He said that often they are intermingling children with those who have broken the law or with children who have been abandoned or left in bad circumstances.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if Southaven has helped with the shelter. Dr. Donaldson said yes.

Supervisor Thach asked if the other counties pay anything when they use the county shelter. Dr. Donaldson said no. He said Impact Missions is supported through United Way. He said the cities are giving Impact Missions an opportunity to apply for grants. He said the grants will go toward sponsoring tables at the Harvest Ball. Supervisor Russell asked how much money Impact Missions receives from the cities. Dr. Donaldson said Southaven gave \$30,000 and Olive Branch gave \$10,000.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis verified that Dr. Donaldson had presented shelter costs only and not Sunrise Home cost. Dr. Donaldson said yes, that is correct. He said this is the shelter children only. Dr. Donaldson said, since about 2003 and 2004, insurance has increased about 70%. He said transportation and fuel costs have also increased.

Supervisor Lewis asked how much Dr. Donaldson is asking for. Dr. Donaldson said they are asking for \$28,000 immediately.

Supervisor Russell said he has \$6,000 in his Park Fund and can use it toward that expense. Mr. Garriga said he thinks we can make anything work that the Board decides to contribute without using the Park Fund if the Board chooses to do so.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin verified that Impact Missions is asking for \$28,000 now and an additional \$28,000 in October. Dr. Donaldson said yes. Supervisor Medlin said, a few years ago, when we had to have a shelter, we chose Impact Missions as the best option and he thinks we need to help them in return. Supervisor Medlin said, because Impact Missions has not had any complaints, and they do ask the Board for money on a regular basis. He thinks we should help. Supervisor Lewis agreed. He said we could not run the shelter for this amount of money.

Mr. Garriga said, if the Board wants to do this, he will find out a way to use current funds for the contributions.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to find \$28,000 from the budget and, if necessary, take \$6,000 from the District 3 Park Fund and authorize the Clerk to write the check to Impact Missions for the money. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.2**

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Baptist Hospital MOU

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he was approached by Randy King of Baptist Hospital about a program that would allow cheaper pharmaceuticals for indigent patients including jail inmates. Mr. Garriga said, before the hospital can be eligible, there would need to be an MOU between the hospital and the county. A lot of this pertains to an act from the federal government.

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said it does not commit the county to any money. It requires the county to acknowledge that Baptist can treat our inmates. He said, under the agreement, Baptist will be able to get cheaper pharmacy products. He said, you would think, they would charge the county less for their services or pharmacy products.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the new medical third party administrator can make sure we receive any discounts we are entitled to from Baptist.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between DeSoto County and Baptist Memorial Hospital Desoto. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Bids Under Advise ment

a. Sheriff's Dept. – Uniforms

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the low bid from At Work Uniforms for the Sheriff's Department uniforms and to reject bids for the patrol jackets listed in the bid. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit H.2.a**

b. Sale of Aviation Equipment

Vanessa Lynchard presented bids for the sale of two used helicopters for the Sheriff's Department as follows:

Equipment: Re-Bid Sale of Two Used Helicopters

Bid File Number: 08-201-002

Bid opening: 10:00 a.m.

Bid Opening Date: August 4, 2008

Helicopter: N58478 Hughes 369A/OH6A
Serial #380387

Helicopter: N584SD Hughes 369A/OH6A
Serial #1080834

VENDOR BID AMOUNT

Trafficopters, Inc. \$76,776.76
Mid-America Turbine, LLC \$280,000.00
Dakota Air Parts International \$167,711.00
E.M. Heli-Logistics LTD \$114,280.00

RECOMMENDATION: Mid America Turbine, LLC

At the recommendation of Sheriff Bill Rasco, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to accept the bid from Mid-America Turbine, LLC for the sale of two used helicopters in the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department in the amount of \$280,000. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit H.2.b**

c. Tourism Building

Vanessa Lynchard presented the bid results from the re-bid of the construction of the Tourism Building in DeSoto County as follows:

Contractor	C & M Builders	J.B. Beer Sr	Progressive Construction of the Mid South LLc	TDL Contractors Inc.	Wagner General Contractors Inc	Windham & McDonald Construction Co. Inc
Certificate of Responsibility	MS 10549	MS 1309	17052	7246	13452	13849
Addenda (4) Acknowledged	X	X	X	X	X	X
Surety	Hanover Ins Co.	Liberty Mutual	Ohio Casualty	Fidelity & Deposit	Traveler's Casualty	Ins. Co. of the West
BASE BID	\$677,000.00	\$654,400.00	\$612,000.00	\$578,490.00	\$645,000.00	\$646,000.00
Add Alternate #1 Provide/Install Finish Out of Meeting Rooms 116-119	\$24,000.00	\$24,700.00	\$14,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$26,100.00	\$19,200.00
Add Alternate #2 Provide/Install Millwork in Public Lobby	\$6,800.00	\$7,400.00	\$5,000.00	\$12,800.00	\$13,250.00	\$16,700.00
Add Alternate #3 Provide/Install Asphalt P ar ki ng A rea on South Side	\$27,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$32,719.00	\$24,500.00	\$23,250.00	\$28,700.00
Add Alternate #4 Provide/Install Modular Brick at all Exterior Walls Except North Gable	\$28,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$38,634.00	\$53,900.00	\$45,000.00	\$48,000.00

At the recommendation of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the low bid from TDL Construction with Alternate 1 and authorize approval for the Board President to sign the contract with TDL Construction contingent on the Board Attorney’s review. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit H.2**

I. OTHER ISSUES

1. Heavy Haul Ordinance

Road Manager Russell Dorris said that the county met with those interested in the Heavy Haul Ordinance lastnight. The major concern was that the 30,000 pound weight limit is not considered enough to run on DeSoto County roads. Mr. Russell said that the group asked the county to look at axle weight and they want to form a task force on this issue. Mr. Dorris said he received several positive phone calls regarding the meeting.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the group was complimentary on how the county is handling such issues.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the biggest issue is controlling the haulers of two hundred to four hundred loads. He said he is not concerned about haulers with three or four loads. He said the county does not want to put a burden on people who want to do the right thing. Supervisor Medlin said that FedEx is pulling double trailers through Highway 305.

The weight limit is eighty thousand pounds on Highway 304 and that was changed by MDOT but they did not change the weight limit signs on the road. Mr. Dorris said the county should change signs to conform to MDOT.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

2. Roads – Love and McCracken

Sheriff Bill Rasco said that Love and McCracken Roads meet in a 3-way stop. He asked the Road Manager if he would check to make sure whether that deserves a 3-way stop sign. Road Manager Russell Dorris said he would check and advise the Sheriff as soon as possible.

3. Bonds - \$5 Million Dollar State Development Bank Bond

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the closing for the \$5 million dollar State Development Bank draw will be at 10:00 a.m. on August 7, 2008.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize Supervisor Eugene Thach to sign the bond closing documents as Vice President of the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

4. Budget 2009

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he hopes to have the finished draft of the 2009 budget to the Board of Supervisors very soon.

5. Subdivisions-Woodland Lakes

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked about the house on Woodland Lake that burned and was such a danger to the community. Emergency Services Director Bobby Storey said they are taking new pictures and working on getting those to the Board Attorney so they can continue resolving that issue.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to recess the meeting until August 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 6th day of August, 2008, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Allen Latimer, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors