

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2008 PRESIDING

December 1, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The December 1, 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. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of November, 2008 pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the minutes with clarifications of the Board of Supervisors, for the month of November, 2008. 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-----YES

E. LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

Supervisor Allen Latimer welcomed the Legislators to the Board of Supervisors Meeting to hear the Legislative requests that would benefit County government during the 2009 Legislative Session. Supervisor Latimer welcomed Senator Doug Davis, Senator Merle Flowers, Representative John Mayo, Representative Ted Mayhall, Representative Wanda Jennings and Representative Forrest Hamilton to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in the County’s needs.

Vanessa Lynchard said that the county, state and federal governments are struggling in a declining economy with new issues as well as continuing to fund existing issues. She said the County is experiencing an increase in needs because of the economic slow down and the impact would likely be felt for the next few years. She said that continued Legislative and local cooperation will be the key to overcoming the challenges that we face in the future.

Vanessa referred the Legislators to page 6 in the Legislative Requests 2009 Book. She said, if all things were equal in the counties, DeSoto County's percentage on the items listed, would be 1.2%. DeSoto County ranks substantially higher than that on most of the issues that result in state revenues. Also on the list were County reimbursements. She thanked the Legislators for their help to put DeSoto County homestead exemption reimbursements first in the state. She said high growth years will still result in losses to the County.

Vanessa said the County is experiencing a decrease in building permits. Building permits are a huge indicator of growth in the County. She said, according to Planning Director Jim McDougal, the County is expected to finish at approximately 850 building permits for the year. That number is less than half of the 2007 mark. She said that 2007 was a huge decrease from previous years. Despite indications of a declining economy, DeSoto County is still growing in population. Sales tax that is sent to the state is still increasing and assessed valuation is continuing to increase.

Vanessa said the Board of Supervisors continually express their appreciation for the Legislators and their dedication to the County. It is by continuing to work together that we can overcome the obstacles we face and continue to make DeSoto County a showcase for the State of Mississippi.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he would like to build on Vanessa's comments and that everyone appreciates everything the Legislators are doing to help the County. He said the Legislators keep working on issues year after year to get the County's needs heard and he knows that legislation is not easy to pass. He expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board, for the Legislators' persistence in making the issues heard. He said that some of the items are reoccurring from previous Legislative requests. Mr. Garriga said we have a lot of the same issues in addition to new issues. He thanked the Legislators for appearing before the Board to hear the County's needs.

Sheriff Bill Rasco addressed the County's need for the use of radar. He said that radar is not a money-maker for the County. It is a safety factor. Sheriff Rasco said he is asking the Legislators to try to get that passed for counties. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said, on the east side of the County, probably 50% of his phone calls are about people speeding in subdivisions. He said we need a way to slow people down in neighborhoods.

Supervisor Medlin said the state indicated there might be an opportunity to open a driver's license facility in Southaven and that would help DeSoto County. He said the current locations are understaffed at the two facilities that are now open. Supervisor Medlin said, since we recently talked to the state about issues at the driver's license facility, he understands there are now additional employees at the Olive Branch office. He said we want to make sure these offices continue to be funded. He said, the state told the Board, that the employees at the driver's license facility do not make much money, but that is no excuse for being rude to people. He said, if the Legislature could fund the Southaven Office and fund the other offices to adequately serve the public, it would be a great help to DeSoto County. Representative Wanda Jennings said those employees are contract employees. She told MDPS to get people who could do the job. Representative Ted Mayhall said he received several calls about the employees being rude and the long lines and long wait times at the facilities. He said, when he renewed his license, it went well. He said the Legislators cannot make any promises. Representative Mayhall said, a couple of years ago, they were talking about closing state parks. They did close a couple. He said the budget does not look good this year.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis discussed infrastructure on Highway 305 from Olive Branch to Byhalia Road. He said there have been several fatalities on Highway 305 going to Cockrum. He said the Board talked to MDOT about taking safety measures to protect travelers and MDOT offered to put guardrails or signs in that area. He said anything would be good to insure the safety of the traveling public on this roadway.

Supervisor Lewis said he talked to the Highway Department about Interstate 269. They said it will allow three lanes going across the county roadways. Supervisor Lewis said he knows the state cannot build five lanes at the crossings if it is not warranted, but the County wants to give them any information necessary to help them understand the situation before the decision is made.

Supervisor Medlin said we have had meetings and they say they have to be good stewards too. He said he understands that. Supervisor Medlin said the roads are going under the county roads so it will be extremely expensive to the taxpayers to widen these roads later. He said, adequately building the roadways on the front end, will be much cheaper in the long run.

Supervisor Lewis asked that the Legislators look at the issue of military tax relief. He said that the military was supposed to get a one hundred dollar tax reduction on car tags or property tax. He said they often do not experience the entire reduction due to the process of handling the exemption. He asked that the Legislators they do whatever they can to assist the military.

Supervisor Lewis discussed the Mississippi Optional Sales Tax (MOST) effort in the state. MOST would allow the people to vote on a tax for a specific purpose. He said the County would like to have that opportunity available. Representative John Mayo said that MOST legislation has already been put in.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that medical costs continue to be a burden on the County. He said the details on are in the Legislative Book and the County would appreciate the state's help on these issues. Supervisor Thach said the County is having a lot of problems with prisoner medical costs. Supervisor Thach thanked the Legislators for coming and for the job they do for the taxpayers.

Supervisor Bill Russell discussed the issue of EMS Paramedics being able to draw blood. He said, if a drunk driver is involved in an accident, we have to get a court order from DeSoto County and Shelby County if the driver is taken to a Shelby County hospital. Most often, the drunk driver has already been treated and released from the hospital, by the time the necessary paperwork is obtained for the blood test. He said, if treatment is necessary, it is often too late to draw the blood to use for court purposes and the drunk drivers get away with no penalty. Supervisor Russell said, he is sure that Marshall County would partner with DeSoto County on this effort. He said that DeSoto County experiences a unique problem because we are located so close to the state line. He said we have had cases where innocent people were killed and the drunk driver was never charged or penalized in any way.

Supervisor Russell discussed the Health and Wellness Center and its importance to DeSoto County. He said he is not sure anyone knows how important the Health and Wellness Center is to DeSoto County. He said the Health and Wellness Center operated well in Walls, but in the last year, they moved to Southaven. Supervisor Russell said that the City of Southaven has helped the Center by helping get the building ready for occupancy. He said the building in Southaven is a more centralized location for the Health and Wellness Center. Supervisor Russell said the County would like to help the Health and Wellness Center with their efforts to serve the uninsured public, but local and private legislation will be necessary to allow the County that authority. Billie Wilhite of the Health and Wellness Center said they are in the County to provide medical assistance for the uninsured people in DeSoto County. She said they serve 4,000 people per year at the Health and Wellness Center. She said they help with prescriptions and other medical services. Ms. Wilhite said the Health and Wellness Center needs help in order to survive.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the County would like to have legislative authority through a local and private to donate up to \$50,000 to the Health and Wellness Center each year. Representative Wanda Jennings asked why the County is limiting itself to \$50,000. She said, for the long term, do we need to look at whether the allocation needs to be higher. That would avoid having to repeatedly go back to update the Legislation. Supervisor Latimer said, if you set it too high, he is concerned that private donations would be limited.

Supervisor Russell addressed school bus turnarounds and the need for a revision to the current authority for school bus turnarounds. He said, when a bus gets to a place and needs to turn around, there is a process to get a request to the County for any road improvements that need to be made to make the turnaround safe. Representative Wanda Jennings asked if the County is asking to turn that over totally to local rule. Representative Ted Mayhall said that may be impossible but we

need to remember that DeSoto County has only one school Board. Other counties may have up to five school boards. If you want a policy for the school board, he does not know if it would be possible considering the number of school boards in the state. He said it is a good idea but he is not sure they can get it changed for the entire state. Representative Wanda Jennings asked if it could be set up with the population total limit. Senator Doug Davis asked how many school bus turnarounds we work in one year. Road Manager Russell Dorris said there are 160 turnarounds and the County can work on from two to seven per month. Mr. Dorris said we also need to clarify whether we can maintain parking pads for school buses.

Representative Ted Mayhall said he is putting in a bill that says we do not have to place an ad in the paper about the budget unless there will be a tax increase.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said that page 33 addresses Highway 301 being added to the state highway system. He said this would be a tremendous help to the County and the other part of Highway 301 is already on the state system.

Supervisor Latimer addressed affordable rental housing in the state. He said this has cost the County a great deal of money and it is not only a revenue issue, but also an issue of fairness.

Supervisor Latimer said page 59 of the booklet deals with burial help for paupers when they die. He said we are unable to help people who do not declare themselves paupers before they die. If they are not declared a pauper, it can be a real issue trying to have a person buried who does not have resources.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin discussed building a hospital in DeSoto County. He said this is one of the things this Board agrees on is that we would like to see a Level 3 Hospital in DeSoto County. Senator Merle Flowers said that Methodist Hospital applied for a Certificate of Need through the State Board of Health for a hospital in Olive Branch. He said we knew it would likely be denied. Those who supported the process thought the task force, who was looking at the Certificate of Need, could change the process before the vote was taken. He said that did not happen and the request for the Certificate of Need was denied. He said the new process has now been passed and DeSoto County has been taken out of the Delta region but has not been taken out of the Memphis region, therefore, Methodist withdrew the application. An appeal would have cost a lot of money and it would stop the application process until the appeal was heard. Representative Forrest Hamilton said, in the House of Representatives, Chairman Holland is the Director of Public Health. He said the committee says they will help us and our Legislative Delegation is working diligently on this effort. He said healthcare is an important issue for the delegation. Senator Flowers said we hope the Legislature will bypass the Certificate of Need process and authorize the hospital through Legislation. He said that trauma services are just not available. He said the Legislators have tried to encourage Baptist to increase their level of care.

Representative Mayhall said he will resubmit the bill for drawing blood.

Senator Flowers said he appreciates the job the Board of Supervisors is doing in addition to the County employees. He said he and his family wish the Board a Merry Christmas.

Representative Jennings said that Representative Tommy Woods sends his apology for not being able to attend the Board Meeting. She said, sometimes the Representatives do things in Jackson that simply do not make sense here. She said last that year they saw an opening for an additional Chancellor in DeSoto County and they literally had 60 seconds to make a decision. She said they set up the Legislation so the Senate could kill it if nobody here wanted it. She said, if anyone here had read the bill, they would have noticed that it would not have been implemented until 2012.

EMS Director Bobby Storey said Paramedics being able to draw blood is very important in DeSoto County. He said, by the time we get the paperwork to allow us to draw blood, the person may already have left or can be in surgery and then it is too late to draw blood.

Mr. Storey said the certification process for Paramedics needs to go back to a one year program. He said we have to compete with Memphis and other places near DeSoto County on pay scales. We need to get care available to our taxpayers and the training requirements make that difficult.

The Board allows EMS to train our employees and for them to get an Associates Degree after they are certified as a Paramedic.

Representative Hamilton said, being Republican in the House, they have to use Representative Mayo to help us push through Legislation. He said Representative Mayo is very receptive and has the County's best interest at heart.

F. CONSENT

Supervisor Allen Latimer thanked everyone who worked on the grant to get the sirens for DeSoto County.

The Board of Supervisors considered the items presented on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the reports and actions set forth therein as follows:

1. Accounting

a. Ratification of Monthly Health Claims

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

Funding Request	Date Paid	Amount	Claim Type
Date			
1101/2008	11/3/08	\$56,143.91	Administration Fees
11/3/08	11/4/08	\$46,301.49	Medical
11/3/08	11/4/08	\$2,361.25	Dental
11/3/08	11/4/08	\$16,250.76	Pharmacy
11/10/08	11/12/08	\$46,809.88	Medical
11/10/08	11/12/08	\$5,835.40	Dental
11/10/08	11/12/08	\$21,520.91	Pharmacy
11/18/08	11/18/08	\$89,505.50	Medical
11/18/08	11/18/08	\$4,392.05	Dental
11/17/08	11/18/08	\$18,470.89	Pharmacy
11/24/08	11/25/08	\$98,555.06	Medical
11/24/08	11/25/08	\$4,440.36	Dental
11/24/08	11/28/08	\$19,714.53	Pharmacy
	TOTAL	\$430,301.99	

November Book Balance	\$3,170,627.74	
October Book Balance	\$3,164,497.16	
September Book Balance	\$3,194,506.12	
August Book Balance	\$3,145,442.19	
July Book Balance	\$3,141,423.19	
June Book Balance	\$3,258,082.22	

b. Ratify Bond Payments

\$18,000,000.00 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds

Trustmark Bank Ck#041635 issued 11/26/08

Interest \$41,311.35 215-800-802

Total \$41,311.35

\$5,000,000 Miss Development Bank Promissory Notes

Hancock Bank Ck#041630 issued 11/20/08

Principal \$ 20,833.33
Interest \$ 9,420.20
\$ 30,253.53

c. Approval for Interfund Loan

From: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$111,000.00
To: Civic Center Tourism Bldg. Fund 384-000-149 \$111,000.00

d. Request to Repay Interfund Loan

To: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$74,128.34
From: State Aid Fund 170-000-149 \$74,128.34

2. Justice Court Report

Criminal Cases Filed – 171 State Assessments - \$55,940.64
Civil Cases Filed – 495 County General Fund - \$106,894.48
Traffic Tickets Filed – 814 Total Collections - \$166,652.12
Total Cases Filed – 1,480

3. Bailiff Pay

Joe Holmes - \$475.00 Jason Motz -\$340.00 Liz Medlin - \$205.00 Lee Hodge - \$135.00

4. Chancery Clerk Allowance - \$1,600.00

5. Circuit Clerk Allowances (2) - \$1,932.00 \$3,400.00

6. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

7. Grants

- a. Letter of Extension for Sigma Supply Grant
- b. Accept Hazardous Mitigation Grant for Sirens

8. Days Water – Accept Bond

9. Department of Road Management

- a. Road Report and Work Schedule
- b. Road Bond Report
- c. Centerhill High School Field –
Use of County Equipment and Labor – Approximate Cost \$1,500

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-----YES

See Exhibit F

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Clock Tower Landscaping

Cathy Chatham said, when the Women’s Club planned the Clock Tower, they never thought there would be any controversy. She said they never intended to inconvenience any county worker. She said they wanted to make the court house grounds more pleasant for when employees come to work. Mrs. Chatham said, except for \$5,000, every bit of money the Women’s Club raised, went toward the court house grounds. She said \$5,000 went to the museum and a portion of the money went to update the murals in the court house and we have the nicest court house in the state. She said they were trying to enhance what the Board does to keep the court house looking good. Mrs. Chatham said she never dreamed there would be any problems. She said, at the last meeting, the Board was going to look at drainage in the parking lot of the court house, to see if more parking spaces could be added and she hopes that works out.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he appreciates the Women’s Club helping with County property.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if we have gotten the cost for the drainage work. County Administrator Michael Garriga said there are two areas that have curbed drainage. He said that improvements can be made and it would add at least three spaces. He said one of the areas is near a fire plug. Supervisor Latimer asked if this would compensate for the parking spaces that will be lost to the landscaping. Mr. Garriga said, he thinks it will replace the parking spaces that were lost when the Clock Tower was built as well as the landscaping.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Mayor of Hernando said they are getting ready to reopen Memphis Street and that would add nine parking spaces.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Hernando is in favor of this landscaping. Alderman Sam Lauderdale said yes; and the City also added parking on Cathey Street.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County will maintain the landscaping. Mrs. Chatham said the Mayor, the City Planner and the building officials all approved of the plan.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he hopes the County has not sent the wrong message to the Women’s Club for all of their work to improve the court house. He said we do appreciate all the group does for the citizens of Hernando. He said the Garden Club put the Blue Star Memorial on the library property which was a great addition for the County.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the landscaping plan for the Clock Tower at the Hernando Court House as presented. 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-----YES

2. Bel Mor Lakes – Preliminary Drainage Study

At the recommendation of the County Engineer, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hold this item over until a later meeting. 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-----YES

3. Insurance Rates – Worker’s Compensation

County Administrator Michael Garriga said, because this issue involves a particular employee, it would be better handled in Executive Session.

4. Interlocal Agreement With Olive Branch for Widening Pleasant Hill Road

Supervisor Jessie Medlin recused himself from this discussion on this issue.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said that we are still working on the interlocal agreement with the City of Olive Branch for the widening of Pleasant Hill Road.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize the Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak Law Firm to negotiate the terms of the interlocal agreement with the City of Olive Branch and bring back a draft copy of the interlocal agreement to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

The Board discussed their intentions to provide funding for the City of Olive Branch on this road and the possible plans for the City of Olive Branch to carry out this project. After discussing the issue, Supervisor Eugene Thach withdrew the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell withdrew the second on this issue.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. NRCS – Bids Under Advise ment

County Engineer Andy Swims presented bids for the 2009 Emergency Watershed Protection Project including seven sites known as Nail Rd., Dean Rd., Craft Rd., Evergreen Rd., Fir Dr., Holly Springs Rd. and Watson-DeSoto Rd. He presented the bid tabulations as follows and with a more complete description of the bids available in Exhibit H.1:

Company	Bid Amount
Trey Construction	\$693,684.09
Mid-East Contractors	\$799,263.75
BOEP	\$798,088.46
TLSL	\$1,028,143.50
C & N	\$1,072,459.00
Talbot Brothers	\$1,206,314.20
Hollingsworth Paving	No Bid

Mr. Swims recommended the low bid to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the low bid of Trey Construction at \$693,684.09 for the 2009 Emergency Watershed Protection Project including seven sites known as Nail Rd., Dean Rd., Craft Rd., Evergreen Rd., Fir Dr., Holly Springs Rd. and Watson-DeSoto Rd. 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 H.1

2. Ordinance – Sale of Vehicles in Yard

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that Mr. Williamson contacted him regarding the sale of vehicles in yards. Supervisor Allen Latimer called for anyone present wishing to discuss this issue to come forward. No one came forward.

The Board decided to hold this item over until later in the meeting to see if anyone had a need to discuss this issue with the Board of Supervisors.

Later in the meeting, Supervisor Allen Latimer called for anyone wishing to discuss the sale of vehicles in yards to come forward. No one came forward.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to remove this item from the Agenda since there were no participants to discuss this issue. 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-----YES

3. Accounting - Claims Docket

Accounting Clerk Stephanie Hanks and Comptroller Tom Arnold presented the claims docket.

The Board asked about the Civic Center Tourism bill. Comptroller Tom Arnold said the County is not out anything on this building. Either the state, the Civic Center or the CVB, will reimburse the County for all expenses related to the building.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said the tourism tax brought in more this month than last year despite the economic situation.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin recused himself from the discussion on this issue.

Board Attorney Tony Nowak presented bills from Butler Snow in the amount of \$985.72 and bills for Elliott and Greenleaf who were associated with Butler Snow in the amount of \$106.36, in the matter of litigation regarding Buffet Holdings, and asked for approval to pay these bills.

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 Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller and including the late bills to Butler Snow and Elliott and Greenleaf as presented by the Board Attorney. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.3

4. Purchasing – Bids Under Advisement

Purchase Clerk Vanessa Lynchard presented the following bids to the Board of Supervisors. Vanessa explained the bids and the process in place to get the best prices. She said the bids are split between the two clerks and they are reevaluating bids and getting additional vendors. Vanessa said she they met with Road Manager Russell Dorris and Stan Rochelle to get their input on exactly what they needed and she felt the recommendations will meet their needs in addition to saving the County money. The bid tabulations are as follows:

a. Traffic Striping

Vanessa said they chose the low bidder who happens to be a new bidder, Robbie Robinson, Inc. Mr. Dorris said this contractor does good work and so does the previous contractor. His only reservation is that they are 185 miles away but they assure him that will not be a problem. Vanessa said that Riverside Traffic will be the alternate supplier in case the lowest bidder is unable to supply the product. The bids are as follows:

Equipment: Annual Bids – Traffic Striping **Bid File Number:** 09-156-008
Bid opening: 10:00 a.m. **Bid Opening Date:** November 19, 2008

ITEM	ANDERSON STRIPING	RIVERSIDE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS	ROBBIE ROBINSON, INC.	J.C. CHEEK CONTRACTORS, INC.
4" Traffic Stripe (Paint)	\$375.00 per mile	\$425.00 per mile	\$650.00 per mile	\$550.00 per mile
4" Traffic Stripe (30 ml thermoplastic)	No Bid	\$640.00 per mile	\$800.00 per mile	\$800.00 per mile
4" Traffic Stripe (60 ml thermoplastic)	No Bid	\$1,090.00 per mile	\$900.00 per mile	\$1,100.00 per mile
4" Traffic Strip (90 ml thermoplastic)	No Bid	\$1,160.00 per mile	\$1,100.00 per mile	\$1,200.00 per mile
Detail Legend (120 ml thermoplastic)	No Bid	\$3.00 sq. foot	\$6.00 sq. foot	\$4.00 sq. foot

BID TABULATION BASED ON FY08 USAGE

ITEM	FY08 USAGE	ANDERSON STRIPING		RIVERSIDE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS		ROBBIE ROBINSON, INC.		J.C. CHEEK CONTRACTORS, INC.	
4" Traffic Stripe (Paint)	60 miles	\$375.00 per mile	\$22,500	\$425.00 per mile	\$25,500	\$650.00 per mile	\$39,000	\$550.00 per mile	\$33,000
4" Traffic Stripe (30 ml thermoplastic)	0	No Bid	No Bid	\$640.00 per mile	0	\$800.00 per mile	0	\$800.00 per mile	0
4" Traffic Stripe (60 ml thermoplastic)	100 miles	No Bid	No Bid	\$1,090.00 per mile	\$109,000	\$900.00 per mile	\$90,000	\$1,100.00 per mile	\$110,000
4" Traffic Strip (90 ml thermoplastic)	95 miles	No Bid	No Bid	\$1,160.00 per mile	\$110,200	\$1,100.00 per mile	\$104,500	\$1,200.00 per mile	\$114,000
Detail Legend (120 ml thermoplastic)	1,224 feet	No Bid	No Bid	\$3.00 sq. foot	\$3,672	\$6.00 sq. foot	\$7,344	\$4.00 sq. foot	\$4,896
TOTAL			No Bids		\$248,372		\$240,844		\$261,896

Recommendation: **Robbie Robinson, Inc.** is lowest and best bidder. **Riverside Traffic** agrees to supply the material at quoted price as an alternate bidder in case lowest bidder is unable to provide product.

COMPARISON TO EXPEDITURE IN FY08 FY08 BID TAB COMPARISON BY LINE ITEM

ITEM	FY08 USAGE	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	FY08	FY09
4" Traffic Stripe (Paint)	60 miles	\$ 8,950 (Anderson \$375 Riverside \$500)	\$375 per mile	\$650.00 per mile
4" Traffic Stripe (30 ml thermoplastic)	0	0	\$780 per mile	\$800.00 per mile
4" Traffic Stripe (60 ml thermoplastic)	100 miles	\$115,000	\$1150 per mile	\$900.00 per mile
4" Traffic Strip (90 ml thermoplastic)	95 miles	\$123,500	\$1300 per mile	\$1,100.00 per mile
Detail Legend (120 ml thermoplastic)	1,224 feet	\$ 5,752.80	\$4.70	\$6.00 sq. foot
TOTAL		\$253,202.80		

5.13% decrease

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the low bid from Robbie Robinson, Inc and the alternate bid from Riverside Traffic for traffic striping relating to bid file number 09-156-008 as further detailed in Exhibit H.4.a. 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-----YES

See Exhibit H.4.a

b. Chemicals &/or Services for Mosquito Control

Vanessa said we received bids on contracting mosquito control service and the chemicals. The Road Manager determined that contracting was too expensive. In evaluating the chemical bids it is recommended chemical purchases be split between three bidders in order to get the lowest rate.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the bids for various chemicals for mosquito control in relation to bid file number 09-156-001 from Hudson Misquito Control for Biomist, Clarke Mosquito Control for Mosquitomist One, Vectolex CG and Univar USA for B.t.i. Briquets and as described in Exhibit H.4.b as follows:

RECOMMENDATION: Hudson Mosquito Control – Biomist
 Clarke Mosquito Control – Mosquitomist One, Vectolex CG
 Univar USA – B. t. i. Briquets

Product	Clarke Mosquito Control		Hudson Mosquito Control		Univar USA		FY08 USAGE	FY08 EXPEND
Biomist 2+2 55 gallon drum	\$29.35 x 55 = \$1,614.25 minimum order 4 drums	\$24,213.75	\$25.85 x 55 = \$1,421.75 minimum order 2 drums	\$21,326.25	\$33.00 x 55 = \$1,815.00 minimum order 2 drums	\$27,225	15	\$21,660
275 gallon tote	\$31.36 minimum order 1 tote	0	\$26.75 minimum order 1 tote	0	\$33.00 minimum order 2 totes	0	0	0
Mosquitomist One ULV 55 gallon drum	\$49.50 x 55 = \$2,722.50 minimum order 2 drums	\$19,057.50	\$59.35 x 55 = \$3,264.25 minimum order 2 drums	\$22,849.75	No Bid	0	7	\$12,320
275 gallon tote	\$31.27 minimum order 1 tote	0	\$68.28 minimum order 2 tote	0	No Bid	0	0	0
Vectolex CG 10 oz./800 packs per case	\$975.00 minimum order 1 case	975.00	\$1075.00 minimum order 1 case	1075.00	No Bid	0	1	\$825
B.t.i. Briquets 100 per case	\$130.00 minimum order 1 case	0	\$125.00 minimum order 1 case	0	\$63.10 minimum order 2 cases	0	0	0
TOTAL		\$44,246.25		\$45,251.00				\$34,805. 00

27% Increase if awarded to Clarke Mosquito Control in whole as the overall low bidder.
 18.82% Increase if awarded by item.

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-----YES

See Exhibit H.4.b

c. Cement Treated Base

Vanessa explained that APAC is the only bidder on this item. She said they called other bidders to find out why they did not bid and said there are few companies, if any, that supply this product. Road Manager Russell Dorris said it may be that we do not spend much on this item.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to take approve the bid with APAC, TN in relation to bid file number 09-156-002 and as follows:

Recommendation: APAC TN, Inc.

COMPARISON TO FY08 BID

	FY09	FY08	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	
	APAC TN, INC.	APAC TN, INC.	FY08 ACTUAL	FY09 PROJECTED BASED ON FY08 USAGE
CEMENT STABILIZED CRUSHED LIMESTONE				
6% Cement Content	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$200	\$240
10% Cement Content	\$26.50	\$23.00	\$21,924.50	\$27,825
Flowable Fill	No Bid	No Bid	\$276	\$276
1% Calcium	No Bid	No Bid	\$16	\$16
TOTAL			\$22,416.50	\$28,357
26% Increase				

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-----YES

See Exhibit H.4.c

d. Guardrails

Vanessa said there is only one bidder for guardrails in bid file number 09-156-003. She said the bid price is the same as last year so she recommended that the County accept that bid as follows:

Equipment: Annual Bids – Guardrails **Bid File Number:** 09-156-003

Bid opening: 10:00 a.m. **Bid Opening Date:** November 19, 2008

Recommendation: Southern Guard Rail Co., Inc.

COMPARISON TO FY08 PRICING

ITEM	SOUTHERN GUARD RAIL CO., INC. FY08	SOUTHERN GUARD RAIL CO., INC. FY09	FY08 USAGE	FY 08 EXPENDITURE	FY09 PROJECTED
Class A	\$ 26.30 per linear foot	\$ 26.30 per linear foot	112.6 ft.	\$2,961.38	\$2,961.38
GR Bridge Ends	\$1,990.00 per each	\$1,990.00 per each	0	0	0
Type 2 Terminal Ends (Section ET-2000)	\$2,600.00 per each	\$2,600.00 per each	1	\$2,600	\$2,600
TOTAL				\$5,561.38	\$5,561.38

0% Change

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-----YES

See Exhibit H.4.d

e. Ready Mix Concrete

Vanessa said the bids were very close on this product, but Metro Materials, Inc. was the lowest and best bidder. She said that state law says that we can have an alternate bid and none of the other bidders agreed to be awarded as the alternate bidder, so that also made the bid from Metro more attractive.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve Metro Materials, Inc associated with bid file number 09-156-004 for ready mix concrete and described as follows:

BID TAB SHEET

Equipment: Annual Bids – Ready Mix Concrete **Bid File Number:** 09-156-004
Bid opening: 10:00 a.m. **Bid Opening Date:** November 19, 2008

ITEM (DELIVERED TO JOBSITE REGARDLESS OF DISTANCE)	MEMPHIS READY MIX	MMC MATERIALS, INC	METRO MATERIALS, INC.
REGULAR ROCK MIX			
3000# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 87.00 *	\$ 87.00 *	\$ 88.00
3500# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 89.50 *	\$ 89.50 *	\$ 90.00
4000# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 92.00 *	\$ 92.00 *	\$ 94.00
LIMESTONE			
3000# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00
3500# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 93.50	\$ 93.50	\$ 93.00 *
REGULAR ROCK CONCRETE MIX			
3500# per cubic yard	\$ 89.50 *	\$ 89.50 *	\$ 90.00
Pea gravel			
3500# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 97.50	\$ 94.50	\$ 93.00 *
PUMP MIX			
3500# Mix w/ pea gravel per cubic yard	\$109.00	\$105.00	\$ 96.00 *
FIBER per cubic yard	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
1% CALCIUM ADDITIVE per cubic yard	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50 *	\$ 3.00
FLOWABLE FILL per cubic yard	\$ 72.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 63.00 *
HEATED WATER per cubic yard	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.00 *	\$ 7.00
CHILLED WATER per cubic yard	\$ 6.00 *	Not available	\$ 7.00
ICE per cubic yard	\$ 12.00	\$.30 per pound	\$.49 per pound
MINIMUM LOAD CHARGE	\$100.00 (under 5 yards)	\$ 60.00	\$ 85.00

ITEM (DELIVERED PRICE BASED ON MILEAGE TO JOBSITE)	MEMPHIS READY MIX (2141 East Person St., Memphis)	MEMPHIS READY MIX (80 Commerce Rd, Collierville)	MEMPHIS READY MIX (5399 Malone Rd., Memphis)	MEMPHIS READY MIX (1029 John Denie, Memphis)	MMC MATERIALS, INC	METRO MATERIALS, INC. (1634 Ferrell Park Drive, Memphis)
REGULAR ROCK MIX						
3000# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 87.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 87.00	No Bid	\$ 88.00
3500# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 89.50	\$ 89.50	\$ 89.50	\$ 89.50		\$ 90.00
4000# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00		\$ 94.00
LIMESTONE						
3000# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00		\$ 91.00
3500# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 93.50	\$ 93.50	\$ 93.50	\$ 93.50		\$ 93.00
REGULAR ROCK CONCRETE MIX						
3500# per cubic yard	\$ 89.50	\$ 89.50	\$ 89.50	\$ 89.50		\$ 90.00
Pea gravel						
3500# Mix per cubic yard	\$ 97.50	\$ 97.50	\$ 97.50	\$ 97.50		\$ 93.00
PUMP MIX						
3500# Mix w/ pea gravel per cubic yard	\$109.00	\$109.00	\$109.00	\$109.00		\$ 96.00
FIBER per cubic yard	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 5.00
1% CALCIUM ADDITIVE per cubic yard	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00		\$ 3.00
FLOWABLE FILL Per cubic yard	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00		\$ 63.00
HEATED WATER Per cubic yard	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00		\$ 7.00
CHILLED WATER	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00		\$ 7.00
ICE	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00		\$.49 per pound
MINIMUM LOAD CHARGE	\$100.00 (under 5 yards)	\$100.00 (under 5 yards)	\$100.00 (under 5 yards)	\$100.00 (under 5 yards)		\$ 85.00

ITEM	FY08 USAGE	MEMPHIS READY MIX		MMC MATERIALS, INC		METRO MATERIALS, INC.	
REGULAR ROCK MIX							
3000# Mix per cubic yard	266	\$ 87.00	\$23,142	\$ 87.00	\$23,142	\$ 88.00	\$23,408
3500# Mix per cubic yard	42	\$ 89.50	\$3,759	\$ 89.50	\$3,759	\$ 90.00	\$ 3,780
4000# Mix per cubic yard	0	\$ 92.00	0	\$ 92.00	0	\$ 94.00	0
LIMESTONE							
3000# Mix per cubic yard	0	\$ 91.00	0	\$ 91.00	0	\$ 91.00	0
3500# Mix per cubic yard	0	\$ 93.50	0	\$ 93.50	0	\$ 93.00	0
REGULAR ROCK CONCRETE MIX							
3500# per cubic yard	0	\$ 89.50	0	\$ 89.50	0	\$ 90.00	0
Pea gravel							
3500# Mix per cubic yard	0	\$ 97.50	0	\$ 94.50	0	\$ 93.00	0
PUMP MIX							
3500# Mix w/ pea gravel per cubic yard	48	\$109.00	\$5,232	\$105.00	\$5,040	\$ 96.00	\$4,608
FIBER per cubic yard	16	\$ 5.00	\$80	\$ 5.00	\$80	\$ 5.00	\$80
1% CALCIUM ADDITIVE per cubic yard	32	\$ 3.00	\$96	\$ 2.50	\$80	\$ 3.00	\$96
FLOWABLE FILL per cubic yard	20	\$ 72.00	\$1,440	\$ 71.00	\$1,420	\$ 63.00	\$1,260
HEATED WATER per	0	\$ 6.00	0	\$ 4.00	0	\$ 7.00	0

cubic yard							
CHILLED WATER per cubic yard	0	\$ 6.00	0	Not available	0	\$ 7.00	0
ICE per cubic yard	0	\$ 12.00	0	\$.30 per pound	0	\$.49 per pound	0
MINIMUM LOAD CHARGE		\$100.00 (under 5 yards)		\$ 60.00		\$ 85.00	
TOTAL		\$33,749		\$33,521		\$33,232	

Recommendation: Metro Materials (No other bidders agreed to be awarded the bid as an alternate bidder.)

COMPARISON TO FY08 EXPENDITURE

ITEM	FY08 USAGE	FY08 ACTUAL	METRO MATERIALS, INC.
REGULAR ROCK MIX			
3000# Mix per cubic yard	266	\$21,014	\$23,408
3500# Mix per cubic yard	42	\$3,402	\$ 3,780
4000# Mix per cubic yard	0	0	0
LIMESTONE			
3000# Mix per cubic yard	0	0	0
3500# Mix per cubic yard	0	0	0
REGULAR ROCK CONCRETE MIX			
3500# per cubic yard	0	0	0
Pea gravel			
3500# Mix per cubic yard	0	0	0
PUMP MIX			
3500# Mix w/ pea gravel per cubic yard	48	\$4,032	\$4,608
FIBER per cubic yard	16	\$80	\$80
1% CALCIUM ADDITIVE per cubic yard	32	\$80	\$96
FLOWABLE FILL per cubic yard	20	\$1,320	\$1,260
HEATED WATER per cubic yard	0	0	0
CHILLED WATER per cubic yard	0	0	0
ICE per cubic yard	0	0	0
MINIMUM LOAD CHARGE			\$ 85.00
TOTAL		\$29,928	\$33,232

11% Increase

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-----YES

See Exhibit H.4.e

f. Gasoline and Diesel

Vanessa presented a detailed bid for gasoline and diesel. She called all of the bidders except Huron Smith and said she believes they were all honest with her. Vanessa explained how the daily pricing works with new guidelines. She said the new process will allow more time for the companies to submit their bids and will allow us to receive more quotes and, hopefully, a lower cost. Her recommendation is to choose vendors based on daily pricing from the vendors list in the bid file number 09-156-013 as follows:

Equipment: Annual Bids - Gasoline and Diesel
Bid Opening: 10:00 a.m.

Bid File Number: 09-156-013
Bid Date: November 25, 2008

LOCATION	PRODUCT	M.C. HERRINGTON	SAYLE OIL	HURON SMITH	BEST-WADE PETROLEUM
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Dept of Road Management Shop (Nesbit)	Gasoline	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	.07 cents/gallon
	Diesel	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	.07 cents/gallon
Road Management Shop (Fairhaven)	Gasoline	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	.20 cents/gallon
	Diesel	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	.20 cents/gallon
Road Management Shop (Walls)	Gasoline	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	.20 cents/gallon
	Diesel	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	.20 cents/gallon
Road Management Shop (Eudora)	Gasoline	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	.20 cents/gallon
	Diesel	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	Daily Pricing	.20 cents/gallon
	Emergency Delivery Fee to Satellite Shops	\$30	\$0	.05 cents/gallon	\$100

RECOMMENDATION: Call for daily pricing with new guidelines

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve choosing vendors from the vendors list associated with bid file number 09-156-013 and based on daily pricing as further described in Exhibit H.4.f

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-----YES

See Exhibit H.4.f

g. Emulsified Asphalt

Vanessa explained this product has always been awarded to ERGON, but their bid was just something on paper. They charged the County the MDOT price which is legal and appropriate according to state law and bid specifications. Vanessa recommended rejecting all bids in association with bid file number 09-156-011 where the MDOT guidelines are quoted and accept the bid for MC-30 from ERGON and order according to MS Code Section 31-7-13(h) and accept bids for freight and demurrage as follows and to get quotes as authorized on 31-7-13 (h) where MDOT pricing is used:

Equipment: Annual Bids - Emulsified Asphalt

Bid File Number: 09-156-011
Bid Date: November 25, 2008
Bid Opening: 10:00 a.m.

	ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSION	MDOT Index
ITEM	BID PRICE (PER GALLON)	
MC-30	\$ 4.0694	

EA-1	No Bid	
RS-2	\$ 2.5194	Yes
CRS-2	\$ 2.5226	Yes
CRS-2P	\$ 2.8648	Yes
CRS-1P	No Bid	
SS-1	\$ 2.5395	Yes
AEP-1	\$ 3.0704	Yes

Prices are based on full truck transport quantities.

Minimum Freight Charge:

No less than 2000 gallons \$0.15 additional per gallon
 No less than 3000 gallons \$0.08 additional per gallon
 No less than 4000 gallons \$0.04 additional per gallon

Prices are tied to the MS November 2008 index.

Demurrage charge - 1 1/2 hours unloading time allowed. After 1 1/2 hour \$70 per hour.

RECOMMENDATION:

Reject all bids and get quotes as authorized on 31-7-13 (h)

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve rejecting all bids in association with bid file number 09-156-011 where the MDOT guidelines are quoted and accept the bid for MC-30 from ERGON and order according to MS Code Section 31-7-13(h) and accept bids for freight and demurrage and to get quotes as authorized on 31-7-13 (h) where MDOT pricing is used. 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

See Exhibit H.4.g

h. Hot Mix Asphalt Paving

At the recommendation of the Purchasing Clerk, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to accept the low bid of Lehman Roberts form 0-50 tons overlay patch and DeSoto Paving for all other items and associated with bid file number 09-156-012 as follows:

Equipment: Annual Bids - Hot Mix Asphalt Paving
 Bid File Number: 09-156-012

Bid Date: November 25, 2008
 Bid Opening: 10:00 a.m.

BID PRICE FOR PATCHING

PROJECTS REQUIRING	DESOTO PAVING	APAC TENN, INC.	LEHMAN-ROBERTS
0-50 tons	\$ 99.75	\$ 190.00	\$ 121.50
51-100 tons	\$ 88.50	\$ 180.00	\$ 121.50
101-200 tons	\$ 81.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 121.50
Greater than 201 tons	\$ 73.95	\$ 85.00	\$ 121.50

BID PRICE FOR OVERLAY COUNTY PATCH

PROJECTS REQUIRING	DESOTO PAVING	APAC TENN, INC.	LEHMAN-ROBERTS
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0-50 tons	\$ 127.00	No Bid	\$ 103.00
51-100 tons	\$ 90.50	No Bid	\$ 103.00
101-200 tons	\$ 82.65	No Bid	\$ 103.00
Greater than 201 tons	\$ 75.00	No Bid	\$ 103.00

RECOMMENDATION:

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit H.4.h

5. County Administrator

a. Impact Missions Funding Request

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he received a letter about a funding request from Impact Missions for the remainder of the FY 09 budget. He said that Impact Missions had asked for an additional \$28,000 at the end of FY 08. Mr. Garriga said it was not his understanding that the Board approved additional money in FY 09 but that Dr. Donaldson would return to the Board if additional money was needed. He said that Dr. Donaldson is here to request additional money for the FY 09 budget. Mr. Garriga said the County gets a good deal for the money spent in the emergency shelter.

Dr. Donaldson said he has started with Impact Missions in 2001 and has not had to ask for additional funding. He said he is asking for a monthly allocation for the remainder of the budget at \$8,000 per month due to the economy, losing donors and having to double the number of house parents to be compliant. Dr. Donaldson said it cost \$370,000 to operate the shelter and will cost \$420,000 to operate the shelter in 2009. He said, by the time the Board approved the FY 09 budget, the shelter was more than \$100,000 over budget. Dr. Donaldson said he is asking the Board to consider additional money for the shelter. The emergency shelter provides shelter services for 120 children per year. Dr. Donaldson said he knows this is a big increase. The grant they were anticipating came due in August. We were notified the grant could not be funded because of funding cuts with the grant provider. Dr. Donaldson said he cannot raise the extra \$200,000 to \$250,000 per year that it takes to run the shelter. In 2001 the shelter cost was \$365,000. In 2009 it will cost more than \$400,000 to run the shelter because of additional compliance mandates. He said, if we can get an additional \$8,000 per month, then Dr. Donaldson said he will try to raise the additional money and then put the additional \$8,000 per month starting in December. He said, unless a grant comes in, he does not have the funding to keep the shelter open in 2009.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he was thinking that the County paid more at one time. Dr. Donaldson said yes, the County did pay more, but he has cut out money from the budget since 2000. He said he cut the budget by \$100,000 the first year. Dr. Donaldson said the shelter has cut almost one half million dollars from the County budget over the past decade.

Supervisor Medlin asked how many children the shelter serves. Dr. Donaldson presented the numbers served at the shelter as follows:

Month	Desoto Residents Monthly	Total Number Days in Shelter Care	Avg. Number of days at the Shelter per Child
August 2007	18	301	17
September 2007	16	319	20
October 2007	22	367	16
November 2007	17	414	24

December 2007	10	202	20
January 2008	14	196	14
February 2008	13	235	18
March 2008	15	255	17
April 2008	10	203	20
May 2008	12	178	15
June 2008	8	171	21
November *2008 estimated	14	194	20

Dr. Donaldson said, in this nine year track record, he has never asked the Board for funding. This is the first time he has asked for assistance from the County.

Supervisor Thach asked what other counties do.

Dr. Donaldson said, in some other counties, the children go to a juvenile facility and they put them in with offenders.

Dr. Donaldson said, since July, they have had a wage decrease of 10% for employees. Dr. Donaldson said he has had a wage freeze on his salary since 2008. This year he took a 20% decrease in pay. He said we have had a staff decrease and he has assumed the extra work load. He said the state has lost nine shelters in the past five years. Dr. Donaldson said he met with DHS to see if anything else could be done at the shelter to cut cost before he came to the Board. He said the shelter gets \$30 per child for placements by DHS. He said he was told there is a new manual coming out next year and there will be additional requirements that will add costs to the operation of the shelter. He said the shelter is in the low 6% nationwide for pay of house parents.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the cities contribute to the shelter. Dr. Donaldson said the shelter has an annual Harvest Ball which is sponsored by the cities in part.

Dr. Donaldson said the shelter assists in crisis situations. The girls' home is a long term therapeutic home for girls who are from abusive situations.

Supervisor Medlin said this money used to go to the girls home and now it only goes to the shelter. Dr. Donaldson agreed. He said it is difficult to raise money for the shelter because you cannot carry people to the shelter for privacy reasons. He said it is just as critically important for the shelter as the other items the County sponsors and supports such as seniors and other areas of service.

Supervisor Russell said he would like to commend Dr. Donaldson on what he has done at the shelter. He said the County is very lucky to have Dr. Donaldson running the shelter for the county. He said we are talking about building a new jail at a huge cost. We do not have a problem with locking people up so we must make a provision for helping children.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve \$8,000 in additional funding allocation to begin in December, 2008 to the emergency shelter ran by Impact Missions and to take a serious look at what we can do next year at the shelter and to approve any budget amendment necessary to accomplish this act. 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-----YES

Supervisor Allen Latimer said, if you did not assist these children, they would be sent to the juvenile facility and he asked what it cost to keep juveniles in the jail. Sheriff Bill Rasco said the cost is a lot more for juveniles than for adult offenders. He said the real issue would be that he would have to double the size of the juvenile facility.

Dr. Donaldson said 60% of the children sent to the shelter are under the age of ten years. That sets greater requirements on how they are kept.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he does not see other counties paying us for taking care of their kids. Dr. Donaldson said he agrees. He said we do not take a lot of out of county children. Tunica wants Impact Missions to start a shelter in Tunica County. Supervisor Thach said that is where the group should be.

Supervisor Russell said that he would just ask that any other county, who houses a child in the shelter, covers the cost of keeping that child.

Supervisor Medlin asked if the shelter gets into situations where you cannot serve a child from DeSoto County because you have children from other counties in the shelter. Dr. Donaldson the other counties have two hours to pick up a child if DeSoto County has a need that cannot be served.

b. Courthouse Office Space

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he has been trying to find space in the court house for the new county court judge. He said he has been working with the other elected offices in the court house to locate office space for the new judge. He said, according to the Board Attorney, the Board has authority over the space in the court house. Mr. Garriga asked for authority to act on the Board's behalf in regard to finding this office space.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to find space in the court house for the new county court judge and to act on the Board's behalf. 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-----YES

c. County Holidays

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the governor has declared December 25th and 26th as Christmas Holidays and January 1st and 2nd as New Years Holidays.

The Board said that the County formerly adopted a policy to take the state's schedule of holidays.

6. Dept. of Road Management

a. Tchulahoma Rd.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin recused himself from this discussion.

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he has been in contact with Richard Allen of MDOT. Mr. Allen asked if the County is going to build the section of Tchulahoma Road that would intersect with I-269. Mr. Dorris said we have some plans for the project but no funding. Mr. Dorris said that MDOT would like something in writing from the Board that says the County will start on that section of roadway by December 31, 2009 and complete it within two years on the project.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said, when we did the west side of I-269, we had to make a similar agreement for the construction of Tulane Road. We put that in the form of an agreement with MDOT. Supervisor Lewis said he wants to ask the Board to approve the agreement for the extension of Tchulahoma Road.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if we have a cost on the construction of the road. Mr. Dorris said we do not have an engineer's estimate but a rough estimate for the construction would be three million dollars in today's money.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve an agreement with MDOT to fund the extension of Tchulahoma Road, agreeing to have the project under construction by December, 2009 and to be completed in two years, and to fund the project out of the State Development Bank or other funding sources to coincide with MDOT's for the construction of I-269. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

c. Highway 305

Road Manager Russell Dorris said that he talked to MDOT about placing flashing lights or traffic safety devices on Highway 305 where several wrecks have occurred. He said that MDOT said they would have the road under construction this spring.

Supervisors Tommy Lewis and Jessie Medlin suggested guardrails or whatever is necessary to increase safety at that location in advance of construction to prevent future accidents.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if we could ask the property owners to cut the trees down at that location that have contributed to some of the deaths. Supervisor Medlin said he knows the owners of the property and he will be glad to ask the owners for approval to do that. Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if we can get authority from the landowners and the County remove the trees. The Road Manager said he will check into that situation.

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. Railroads – Pigeon Roost Crossing

Road Manager Russell Dorris said that he was notified by the railroad about 30 minutes before they closed the railroad crossing at the intersection of Pigeon Roost and MS 178. The Centerhill crossing has been upgraded with lights and crossing arms and the crossing north of Centerhill Road is closed. In order to address the issues resulting from that closing, Mr. Dorris recommended the County repave the area that has been realigned, re-stripe and sign it properly, and Marshall County will install a culvert at Alberson Road in Marshall County. He said that Marshall County will do the grading and dirt work and DeSoto County will pay for the striping, paving and signing. Mr. Dorris said he will add this to the December work schedule and four year road plan and paving contract. He said we will "T" that intersection on the road.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he understood that the railroad gave Marshall County money for closing that crossing a few years ago. Mr. Dorris said the Marshall County work will be in-kind.

At the recommendation of the Road Manager, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize the Road Department to repave the area that has been realigned, to re-stripe and sign the area properly, to install a culvert at Alberson Road in Marshall County by Marshall County, Marshall County will do the grading

and dirt work, DeSoto County will pay for striping paving and signing and approve to add this to the December work schedule, four year road plan and paving contract. 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-----YES

See Exhibit J.1

2. Roads – Starlanding Corridor

The Road Manager said he would like to proceed with sending the letter to MDOT about proceeding with the Starlanding Corridor.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve sending a letter to MDOT to encourage them to start the work on the Starlanding Corridor. 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-----YES

See Exhibit J.2

3. Board of Education – School Roads

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he continues to get requests from the School Board regarding roads within their boundaries that they want the County to maintain. He said the School Board has never provided the County with the same information that we ask others to provide when taking over their roads. He said he would like to let them know what information we need to consider the requests once again.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Road Manager to send a letter to the School Board on what is necessary when asking the County to take school roads that the School Board is asking the County to maintain. 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-----YES

4. Roads – I-269

Road Manager Russell Dorris asked if the County is committed to paying the difference between the Red Banks and Craft Road improvements. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how much money it will cost. Mr. Dorris said he did not know. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the board needs to know the cost. Supervisor Medlin said he thought the cost had already been done. Mr. Dorris said he will contact MDOT and get the cost.

5. Ordinance – Firearms in Residential Areas

Sheriff Bill Rasco said people have been concerned about guns being fired in residential areas in the County. He said it is very limited to what he can do although he recognizes this can be a very unsafe situation and recommends the Board consider taking measures to control unsafe firing of guns in residential areas.

The Board of Supervisors discussed holding a Public Hearing on the issue. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said there is a 15 day minimum period required for a Public Hearing. Supervisor Russell said we need to have comments from the Game Warden or have them here on this issue.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion to hold a Public Hearing on firing firearms in residential neighborhoods. There was no second to the motion.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if we can wait on this issue until Wednesday. The Board of Supervisors directed that this item be added to the December 3rd Agenda.

6. Sheriff’s Department – Cash Forfeiture – 2008

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said, on September 29th, the Board gave authority for a forfeiture share with the City of Hernando in the amount of \$13,219. He said the minutes reflect that amount in one area and in another area there is a typographical error of \$1,219 and that amount needs to be changed to the correct amount of \$13,219.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to correct the clerical error in the September 29th minutes correcting the forfeiture share from \$1,219 to \$13,219 as follows:

The minutes September 29th minutes would change from \$1,219 to the amount of \$13,219.

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

7. Subdivisions – Stewartshire

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the developers have done almost everything the agreement required in the Stewartshire Subdivision.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the agreement for Stewartshire Subdivision and authorize the Board President to sign the documents and to authorize the Clerk to write the check including interest back to the developers. 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

8. Emergency Services – Contract to Train at Civic Center

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the Emergency Services wants to train at the DeSoto Civic Center. The Civic Center has sent an agreement for use of the building at no charge.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the agreement for Emergency Services to train at the DeSoto Civic Center and to authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. 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

9. Fire Protection Service Agreements

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize correcting a date in the Fire Service Protection Agreements as previously approved by 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

10. Sheriff's Department- Contract - Training Program with Northwest Community College

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said this contract would allow Northwest Community College law enforcement students to ride with DeSoto County Sheriff's Department employees and to work with Law Enforcement as part of their training. Mr. Nowak said the issues of liability being adequately addressed in the contract is very similar to the contract that EMS has with Northwest for paramedic students to ride with in the county ambulances as part of their training.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a contract between the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department and Northwest Community College to enter into an agreement to allow Northwest Law Enforcement Students to ride with DeSoto County Sheriff's Department employees to work with Law Enforcement as part of their training. 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

11. Buildings and Grounds - Walls Library

Supervisor Bill Russell said he got a call from the Walls Library about remodeling the area of the building previously occupied by the Health and Wellness Center. He asked for approval to authorize Kenny Evans, Director of Buildings and Grounds, to meet with Catherine Nathan to work up a price for the improvements they are requesting and get back with the Board on those costs.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Director of Buildings and Grounds to meet with Catherine Nathan, the Director of the First Regional Library, to determine a cost for the improvements the Library is requesting. 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

12. Veteran's Officer

Supervisor Bill Russell said the Board has had conversations about the Veteran's Officer position. The Board has received several phone calls from informal applicants. He said he thinks a committee should be formed, including the County Administrator, to receive and review the applications.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to appoint County Administrator Michael Garriga to interview applicants for the Veteran's Officer position and to recommend that he use someone else to help evaluate the applicants. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Board of Supervisors further discussed the item and recommended the item be carried over until the next meeting on December 3rd.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said we got the requirements for the position and posted them on the County web site. He said he has received information from interested applicants and he has requested they put their information together regarding their qualifications and send that information to him.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to recess the meeting until December 3, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 1st day of December 2008, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Allen Latimer, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors