

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2008 PRESIDING

December 23, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The December 23, 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

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CONSENT

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about the addendums to the fire protection agreement. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the purpose of the addendums was to make corrections to the agreement.

The Board of Supervisors considered the items presented on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and to accept the finding that the roads requested to be added to the official road map and register have been properly dedicated to the County according to the DeSoto County Road Manager and the reports and actions set forth therein as follows:

1. Accounting - Quarterly Budget Allocations

For Quarter Ending March 31, 2009

TAX ASSESSOR:	
Department 103.....	\$322,592.00
TAX COLLECTOR:	
Department 104.....	\$334,017.25
SHERIFF:	
Department 200 (Sheriff Administration).....	\$ 259,849.75

Department 201 (Aviation).....	\$ 21,887.50
Department 202 (Patrol/Law Enforcement).....	\$ 1,955,881.25
Department 220 (Custody of Prisoners).....	\$ 1,087,167.00
Department 222 (Prisoners' Medical Expense) \$	335,575.00
Department 223 (Juvenile Detention).....	\$ 253,979.00
Department 225 (Rescue Unit).....	\$ 4,200.25
Department 227 (Metro Narcotics).....	\$ <u>132,951.75</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$4,051,491.50</u>

2. Circuit Clerk Allowance (2) - \$6,732 \$5,863

3. Make Part of Minutes

- a. DCRUA - Encroachment Agreement
- b. Management Agreement for Robinson Donald Park
- c. Roche' - Right Of Way
- d. Orders Regarding Scenic Hollow Investments
- e. Orders Regarding Celia Mae Bonner
- f. Rural Fire Protection Agreement Addendums
- g. NRCS Agreement

4. Purchasing–Approval for Janna Rogers to Sign Purchase (HR & Self Funded Ins.)

5. Department of Road Management - Additions to Official DeSoto County Road Map and Register

6. Re-appoint Port Commissioner – District 5 – Joey Roberson

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 D

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tax Exemptions

- a. Diamond Comic Distributors – Freeport
- b. Synnex Corporation

President and CEO of DeSoto County Economic Development Council Jim Flanagan thanked for the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to meet with them to follow up on the tax exemptions that were held over from the previous meeting. He said, last week, we discussed information on Diamond Comics and Synnex Corporation. The Board withheld their tax exemption request to obtain more information from the companies. He said the Economic Council has been working with both companies for two years as they determined where to relocate their business. Mr. Flanagan said the company received the guidelines that were in effect two years ago. He said, at the time they submitted their paperwork. The minimum wage was \$5.85 per hour and minimum wage increased in 2008. Mr. Flanagan said, both, Synnex Corp. and Diamond Comics, prepared their application with the older wage in mind. He said he asked them to review their information. Synnex' calculation for the average hourly wage is \$10.48 per hour. He said the average hourly wage including profit sharing is \$10.83 per hour. He said Diamond Comics has thirty three and one third percent for fringe benefits which is extremely high. He said he would ask the Board to consider approval of both of the company's applications.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if one of these companies bought their property. Mr. Flanagan said yes; and they built a building twice as big as they originally planned to build as they expanded their investment into DeSoto County. Supervisor Medlin said, when someone buys their property, it says they are serious about being in DeSoto County.

Mr. Flanagan said that Diamond Comics is consolidating their operations across the nation to DeSoto County.

Supervisor Bill Russell said he appreciated Mr. Flanagan working hard on this issue and he knows the Economic Council is revising the package. Supervisor Russell said, over the past couple of years, we have brought up the benefit package when considering tax exemptions and he appreciated Mr. Flanagan including that in his discussion.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said the Board appreciates Mr. Flanagan and his work on this issue. He said we need and appreciate jobs coming to DeSoto County, especially those with benefits.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve Freeport Warehouse tax exemptions for Diamond Comic Distributors and Synnex Corporation. 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 E.1

2. Tchulahoma / I-269 Agreement

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the Board held this item over to get cost estimates before they committed to building this roadway.

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he is working on the cost estimates, but does not have it completed yet.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like to see the County pursue the opportunity for the expanded roadway over I-269 but it is dependent on the County getting the road built through that area.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would like a wide enough width on the I-269 bridge for five lanes to be built at some point, but the County would immediately build two lanes. He said if we could build the bridge so that the County could widen it later, it would be better.

Supervisor Lewis asked when we can get an estimate. Mr. Dorris said the gravel ramp is a big issue in considering this roadway. He said they will not be through mining in that area until 2013.

Supervisor Lewis asked if the County can get our commitment to build the road moved out. Mr. Dorris said that he does not think it would adversely affect the County to move the estimated completion date until 2013.

Supervisor Lewis said that Memphis Stone thought they would be gone in two to three years, but a reduction in the housing market has caused them to stay in the area longer.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over until the first Monday in February, 2009. 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. Health Insurance Fund Update

County Administrator Michael Garriga said, at the last Board meeting, the Board of Supervisors asked him to bring back the balance on the insurance fund. He said that balance as of December 6th, was two million nine hundred ninety nine thousand dollars, and that is a very healthy balance. He said, currently, claims are running about three hundred and ninety thousand dollars per month, so the optimum balance two million four hundred thousand dollars. He said the County is spending an average of \$70,000 more per month than we are putting into the plan. Mr. Garriga said that pharmacy products are costing a lot of money and Humana would like to talk to the Board about the costs, in addition to other areas where the County could save money. He said we have tried to limit the number of non emergency visits to the hospital. Mr. Garriga said we are trying to tell people there are better options. He said the emergency room does not give comprehensive treatment. Mr. Garriga said the balance in the insurance fund is healthy and reasonable.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said this fund was actually too rich for a while. He said the County contributions back to the fund. Mr. Garriga said we actually cut contributions back to the fund twice.

Supervisor Bill Russell said some of his prescribed medications are available at a much bigger discount at Walmart according to his recent research. He said there can be many other opportunities for savings.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Economic Stimulus Funding

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented information regarding the Economic Stimulus package. He said, last week, Representative Travis Childers, hosted a forum on the issue. Mr. Garriga said he kept hearing phrases like, “they need projects that are ready to be shoveled” and “they anticipate that the squeaky wheel will get the grease”. He said there are no rules available right now to determine how the money will be disbursed. He said the guidelines are now being developed. Mr. Garriga said they want everyone to be involved in the process. He said the goal is that Congress would have legislation ready when President Elect Obama is sworn into office. Mr. Garriga said energy projects, health projects, infrastructure and others are included in this opportunity. He said we have been sending information regarding these projects upon request to North Delta and the Delta Regional Authority. Mr. Garriga explained that the overall purpose is to get people back to work. He said they discussed block grants at the meeting and that may be part of this strategy. He said we need to prioritize our needs. We do not have a lot of answers, but we are keeping watch on this opportunity. He said it make take some effort to get everything ready. Mr. Garriga said it was reported that in order to get the projects ready to bid, regulations will have to be set aside. He said the thinks the County has a number of projects that qualify for this funding. He said we need to stay on top of the opportunity and prioritize these projects. The Board discussed sending a list to everyone possible regarding the County’s priorities.

Supervisor Bill Russell said this brings up the importance of looking at future planning on road construction for right of way acquisitions and impact studies. He said we have numerous locations in the County where roads will be widened. Supervisor Russell said there are places where the center line has been identified. He said, if we had someone committed to right of way acquisition, it may be a good step to future infrastructure planning.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis agreed with Supervisor Russell and said he thinks we have money available for that now and we need to start acquiring right of way immediately.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County has been approved to spend the one mill levy and Mr. Garriga agreed. Mr. Garriga said we have about three years in the budget.

Supervisor Medlin said this money for the economic stimulus is going through North Delta. He asked if they get a portion of the money. Mr. Garriga said they will probably get an administrative fee.

Supervisor Bill Russell said, because there are uncertainties with this, and because this will be such a fast track opportunity, we may have to use eminent domain to acquire right of way. Supervisor Russell said he does not like to use that freedom but if it will help to get the projects going, it may be something the Board must do. Supervisor Lewis said he agrees, but does not think the Board can be good stewards of the County tax money without going forward in an effort to get available money.

Mr. Garriga said any money spent on design or anything else, could result in a big benefit to the County. He said this can be a working list.

Supervisor Russell said he thinks there needs to be a form of communication to prioritize the list and take the top five roads that need to be widened in the next five years. He said, when we do have money, we will be ready to move forward on the priority list. Supervisor Russell said it is cheaper to do now than later. Supervisor Lewis agreed and said that right of ways should be acquired too. Supervisor Latimer said he would like to keep the number open instead of just picking 5 top projects.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to form a committee to identify the top priority road projects and the possibilities of acquiring right of ways on these projects in the near future and come back to the Board with a recommendation. 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 Latimer said he wanted to make sure the information will get to who it needs to go to and does not get lost in the system. He thanked Mr. Nowak for how well his staff handles the flow of the paperwork and making sure it goes to the appropriate individuals.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve to form a committee for the economic stimulus funding for roads in DeSoto County and to add the following people to the committee: Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Supervisor Allen Latimer, Road Manager Russell Dorris, the Board Attorney and County Administrator Michael Garriga. Included in the motion is to work on the priority list of roads in DeSoto County and bring back recommendations to the Board. 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 Bill Russell made the motion to add Planning Director Jim McDougal to the committee. After discussing that the committee will need to call certain people on and off throughout this process, Supervisor Russell withdrew the motion.

See Exhibit F.1

2. DCRUA

At the recommendation of Planning Director Jim McDougal, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve waiving permit fees for the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority to construct a storage facility at Short Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant at an estimate cost of \$300. 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.2

3. Purchasing – Bids Under Advisement

a. Slurry Seal & Micro Seal (old bus.)

Purchase Clerk Vanessa Lynchard said, at the last meeting, she presented there was no usage in FY 08 on slurry seal and micro seal. After the Road Manager challenged that claim, she researched the issue further and found there was usage and reported that the new bid prices will result in an 80.95% price increase before July 1st and an 87.30% price increase after July 1st.

b. Limestone & Rip Rap

Vanessa Lynchard presented the bid tabulation for crushed limestone and rip rap. Vanessa explained that this bid tabulation was based on FY 08 usage. She explained that a hauling cost had to be considered when tabulating this bid for the distance between Vulcan Materials and Fullen Dock Warehouse as further described in Exhibit F.3.b and as follows:

Vulcan Materials	\$330,345	Fullen Dock Warehouse	\$343,176 (incl. hauling)
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At the recommendation of the Purchase Clerk and after finding that Vulcan Materials ss the lowest and best bidder, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to award Vulcan Materials the bid for limestone and rip rap and approve Fullen Dock Warehouse as the alternate bidder. 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 F.3.b

c. Lubricants

Vanessa Lynchard explained that the Road Manager would like to reject bids for lubricants. She said the purchasing level for lubricants did not mandate that this item be bid, but the Road Manager wanted to find out what pricing could be obtained through the bid. She explained that there warranty issues with using different oils and grease.

At the recommendation of the Road Manager, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to reject the bids for lubricants for FY 09. 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 F.3.c

d. Traffic Signs

Vanessa Lynchard presented the tabulation for traffic signs. She said the Road Manager has determined that it will be necessary to upgrade the type of signs the County is buying. To say there is a price increase as a result of this bid would be misleading because we are not buying the same signs as in the past. Vanessa presented the bids for traffic signs as follows:

BID TABULATION							
Equipment: Traffic Signs				Bid File Number: 09-156-018			
Bid Opening: 10:00 a.m.				Bid opening: December 9, 2008			
BID ITEM		FY08 Pricing Award by item	VULCAN SIGNS	CUSTOM PRODUCTS CORP	G & C SUPPLY INC	AMERICAN SIGN BRACKET S	% +/- from FY08
DIAMOND GRADE STOP SIGNS							
a. 24" x 24"	each	\$ 15.75	27.38	\$28.85	\$30.20	No Bid	74%
b. 30" x 30"	each	\$ 24.60	42.02	\$44.69	\$47.50	No Bid	71%
c. 36" x 36"	each	\$ 35.33	60.54	\$63.47	\$58.00	No Bid	71%
d. 30" x 30" Stop Diamond Grade	each	\$ 42.37	42.02	\$44.39	\$47.50	No Bid	-1%
e. 30" x 30" Stop Ahead Signs Diamond Grade	each	\$ 45.62	45.95	\$46.64	\$47.70	No Bid	1%
STANDARD HIGHWAY SIGNS							
a. 1 Color (Diamond Grade)	sq. ft.	\$ 4.21	7.15	\$7.46	\$7.64	No Bid	70%
b. 2 Color (Diamond Grade)	sq. ft.	\$ 4.42	7.51	\$7.66	\$8.44	No Bid	70%
NON-STANDARD HIGHWAY SIGNS							
a. 1 Color (Diamond Grade)	sq. ft.	\$ 5.62	8.35	\$8.14	\$11.35	No Bid	49%
b. 2 Color (Diamond Grade)	sq. ft.	\$ 6.84	9.53	\$8.50	\$12.45	No Bid	39%
6" STREET BLADE (EXTRUDED EDGE)							
a. 1 Color	LIN IN.	\$ 0.32	0.59	\$1.09	\$0.82	No Bid	84%
b. 1 Color with BORDER	LIN IN.	\$ 0.48	0.64	\$1.09	\$0.83	No Bid	33%
c. 1 Color	per Lin	\$ 3.89	7.09	\$13.13	\$9.77	No Bid	82%
d. 1 Color with BORDER	per Lin	\$ 5.71	7.67	\$13.13	\$9.90	No Bid	34%
9" STREET BLADE (EXTRUDED EDGE)							
a. 1 Color with BORDER	LIN IN.	\$ 0.68	0.93	\$1.49	\$1.19	No Bid	37%
b. 1 Color with BORDER	Lin FT.	\$ 8.21	11.12	\$17.88	\$14.28	No Bid	35%
STREET NAME BRACKETS (5" Lock Including Vandal Proof Hardware)							
a. U-Channel Post Bracket	each	\$ 4.10	4.88	\$5.68	\$4.25	\$4.60	19%
b. Cross Bracket	each	\$ 4.10	4.99	\$5.81	\$4.25	\$4.70	22%
c. 12" Cross Brackets (Cpx-120)	each		11.76	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$11.70	
U-CHANNEL POST (1.12 lbs/ft)							
a. Green Enamel 6'- 7' Ordered in 100 bundle	per ft.	\$ 0.82	0.9302	\$0.96	\$0.94	No Bid	13%
U-CHANNEL POST (2 lbs/ft)							
a. Green Enamel 8'-10'-12' - Ordered in 50 bundle.	per ft.	\$ 1.16	0.7101	\$1.53	\$1.48	No Bid	63%
U-CHANNEL POST (3 lbs/ft)							
a. Green Enamel 10'- 12' Ordered in 50 bundle	per ft.	\$ 1.76	0.7475	\$2.22	\$2.21	No Bid	236%
Average % Increase by Line			302.5078	\$335.81	\$332.70		
FY08 Expense - \$52,129.44							55%
RECOMMENDATION: Vulcan							
Alternate - G & C Supply							

At the recommendation of the Purchase Clerk, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve Vulcan Signs as the low bidder for traffic signs and to approve G & C Supply as an alternate bidder for traffic signs. 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 F.3.d

e. Culverts – 54” – 96”

Vanessa Lynchard presented bid results for metal culverts 54” to 96”. She said the culvert bid was separated into two categories this year. This is to allow the County to receive a price for the

smaller pipes to be delivered or picked up which did result in a cost savings. She said this bid is for the larger pipes, 54" to 96". She said the County only bought two different sizes of those pipes in FY 08, but they may be needed depending on the job. Vanessa said as a result, the Road Department will experience in a 2% increase over FY 08. The bids are as follows:

BID TABULATION

Equipment: Corrugated Metal Culverts Bid File Number: 09-156-54"-96" 006

Bid Opening: 10:00 a.m. Bid opening: December 9, 2008

DELIVERED BY VENDOR TO COUNTY

Diameter	Corrugation	Gauge	FY08 Usage	G & O Supply Inc.			Hanson Pipes & Precast			Contech Inc		
				Round Price LF	Total Based on FY08 Usage	Arch LF	Round Price LF	Total Based on FY08 Usage	Arch LF	Round Price LF	Total Based on FY08 Usage	Arch LF
54"	3" x 1"	14	270	\$54.29	\$ 14,658.30	\$57.95	\$34.76	\$ 9,385.20	\$37.03	\$34.85	\$9,409.50	\$37.63
60"	3" x 1"	14	60	\$59.63	\$ 3,577.80	\$63.65	\$38.51	\$ 2,310.60	\$41.01	\$38.00	\$2,280.00	\$41.04
66"	3" x 1"	14	0	\$65.86	\$ -	\$70.30	\$42.53	\$ -	\$45.29	\$48.12	\$ -	\$51.96
72"	3" x 1"	12	0	\$97.90	\$ -	\$133.00	\$63.86	\$ -	\$86.56	\$79.05	\$ -	\$95.20
84"	3" x 1"	12	0	\$113.72	\$ -	\$155.80	\$76.05	\$ -	\$103.77	\$91.06	\$ -	\$111.52
96"	3" x 1"	12	0	\$130.83	\$ -	\$178.60	\$87.34	\$ -	\$118.96	\$107.10	\$ -	\$127.84
BAND												
54"	2'	14	0	\$108.58	\$ -	\$115.90	\$69.52	\$ -	\$74.06	\$69.70	\$ -	\$75.26
60"	2'	14	0	\$119.26	\$ -	\$127.30	\$77.02	\$ -	\$82.02	\$76.00	\$ -	\$82.08
66"	2'	14	0	\$131.72	\$ -	\$140.60	\$85.06	\$ -	\$90.58	\$96.24	\$ -	\$103.94
72"	2'	12	0	\$195.80	\$ -	\$266.00	\$127.72	\$ -	\$173.12	\$158.10	\$ -	\$190.40
84"	2'	12	0	\$227.84	\$ -	\$311.60	\$152.10	\$ -	\$207.54	\$182.12	\$ -	\$223.04
96"	2'	12	0	\$261.66	\$ -	\$357.20	\$174.68	\$ -	\$237.92	\$214.20	\$ -	\$255.68
TOTAL					\$ 18,236.10			\$ 11,695.80			\$11,689.50	
	Total 0 Usage			\$1,453.17		\$1,856.30	955.88		1,219.82	\$1,121.69		\$1,316.92

Diameter	Corrugation	Gauge	USAGE (October 2007 – September 2008)	ROUND		
				FY08 Expense	DELIVERED FY09 Estimated Expense	PICK UP
8"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	16				
10"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	16				
12"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	16	3	\$ 495.00	\$ 515.70	\$ 489.60
15"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	16	18	\$ 3,316.80	\$ 3,492.69	\$ 3,316.80
18"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	16	30	\$ 11,593.80	\$ 11,706.22	\$ 11,115.99
21"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	16				
24"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	16	11	\$ 5,114.80	\$ 5,292.66	\$ 5,028.27
27"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	16				
30"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	14	31	\$ 10,107.40	\$ 10,125.45	\$ 9,620.08
36"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	14	16	\$ 7,172.50	\$ 7,165.38	\$ 6,806.05
42"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	14	2	\$ 1,881.60	\$ 1,875.20	\$ 1,781.60

48"	2 2/3" x 1/2"	14	12	\$ 7,257.60	\$ 7,222.50	\$ 6,827.52
BAND						
8"	2'	16				
10"	2'	16				
12"	2'	16				
15"	2'	16	3	\$ 39.60		
21"	2'	16				
24"	2'	16	8	\$ 170.24		
27"	2'	16				
30"	2'	14				
36"	2'	14				
42"	2'	14				
48"	2'	14				
TOTAL				\$ 47,149.34	\$ 47,395.80	\$ 44,985.91

FY08 to FY09 Comparison

Delivered .05% Increase
Picked Up 4.81% decrease

At the recommendation of the Purchase Clerk, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to award the bid for 60” metal pipes to Contech, 54” to Hanson, and to award bids on all pipes from 66” to 96” to Hanson, each of whom are the lowest and best bidder for the respective pipes and to accept Hanson Pipe and Precast as an alternate bidder on metal pipes 60” pipe and Contech as the alternate bidder on all zero usage items. 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

Vanessa said it would not be uncommon for the awarded vendor to not have a pipe that could be needed immediately. **See Exhibit F.3.e**

f. Sand & Gravel

At the recommendation of the Purchase Clerk, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to hold this item over until January 5, 2009. 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

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

H. OTHER ISSUES

1. Solid Waste – Fee Increase

Supervisor Bill Russell said he is receiving calls regarding the garbage bills which are billed quarterly. He said there was an increase of fifty four cents according to the contract, but the increase was supposed to have taken effect in October. Allied Waste did not put the fifty four cents on the October bill because they were asking the County for a much larger increase and it was undetermined at the time the bills were mailed. Now a past due fifty four cent charge is showing on bills. He said other Supervisors may start receiving such phone calls.

2. Planning Commission – Request for Public Records

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the Planning Commission office received a request for public records. The County is entitled to receive a copy fee for these records and since the request was for 18 years of building permits and building inspections, this could be a very expensive request.

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 respond to the request for these records. 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. Roads – Stateline

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said he received an affidavit from the attorney involved in the Roche’ deed for right of way and suggested this be made part of the minutes.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to make this letter from the attorney regarding the Roche property deed for right of way on Stateline Road a part of the minutes. 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.3

4. Tax Exemptions – TREX

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said he looked further into the tax exemption for TREX and has determined that no action is necessary on this issue.

5. Contracts – Sheriff’s Department – Mississippi State University

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the Sheriff’s Office received a request from Mississippi State University to send interns to the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department for training and he recommended a similar contract to the one with Northwest Community College.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak Law Firm to draw up a contract with Mississippi State University and the Sheriff’s Department for training students. 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

6. Board of Education - School Bus Turnarounds

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said he has prepared a letter to send to the Attorney General regarding school bus turnarounds.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve this letter to the Attorney General. 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

7. Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization

Planning Director Jim McDougal said the MPO wants to know what projects are going to be sent for the economic stimulus funding. He said, if there are other lists than the one given to him by the Road Manager, please let him know so he can send them to the MPO. Mr. McDougal said the MPO will begin to do a major road plan for this area very soon. He said they will again review our major road plan.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting until January 5, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. 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

THIS the 23rd 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