

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT ONE JESSIE MEDLIN, PRESIDING

December 10, 2012

A. CALL TO ORDER

The December 10, 2012 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Board President.

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	District 1
Supervisor Mark Gardner	District 2
Supervisor Bill Russell	District 3
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Harvey Lee	District 5
Sheriff Bill Rasco	Sheriff
W. E. Sluggo Davis	Chancery Clerk
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator
Tony Nowak	Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Lee Caldwell presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

- 1.) Supervisor Bill Russell requested adding discussion about travel to Jackson regarding Section 42 Housing.
- 2.) Supervisor Mark Gardner requested adding a personnel item for discussion in closed determination to determine if it qualified for executive session.

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

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

1.) Supervisor Bill Russell requested adding discussion about travel to Jackson regarding Section 42 Housing.

The Board of Supervisors discussed traveling to the MAS Meeting on December 11, 2012 to

discuss the Section 42 Housing.

Supervisor Mark Gardner said he may be able to attend and County Administrator Vanessa Lynchard said she had county meeting conflicts and would not be able to go.

Supervisor Russell asked where information is regarding the issues with Section 42 Housing. Ms. Lynchard said it is part of the legislative book.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if anyone from the Tax Assessor's office attends the MAS Meeting. Ms. Lynchard said we could ask.

The Board discussed the importance of Section 42 Housing and attending the MAS Meeting. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said the cities may need to go too.

Supervisor Gardner said MAS stated they had heard from the Tax Assessors and Chancery Clerks, but not from the County. He said the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. and the hearing is at 11:00 a.m.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve two Board members to travel to Jackson to attend the hearing with the House Ways and Means Committee regarding Section 42 Housing on December 11, 2012.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

2.) Supervisor Mark Gardner requested adding a personnel item and suggested the item be discussed in a closed determination to determine if it qualified for executive session.

This item was later determined to qualify for executive session.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Supervisors considered the following items on the meeting's Consent Agenda.

Supervisor Harvey Lee made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Establish as Part of the Formal Record and Enter into the Board's Minutes – Nesbit Fire Department, Facility Lease

2. Approval of Interlocal Agreement & Resolution with the Town of Walls for Road Maintenance

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit E

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. 8:00 a.m. Continuation of Tour with Region IV

Carla Crockett, an LCSW and Director of DeSoto County Children's Program of Region IV, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the various programs they have in DeSoto County. Ms. Crockett said she has been with Timber Hills Region IV for 20 years.

Ms. Crockett explained Region IV employs 20 therapists who possess either a professional license such as LPC (licensed professional counselor), LMSW (licensed masters of social work), or LCSW(licensed clinical social worker); or they are certified through the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. She said therapists provide individual therapy and family therapy for clients of Region IV who are ages 3-17.

Ms. Crockett said Region IV is much enmeshed in the schools. She said the schools have contact numbers for the counselor's and can contact them at all times. She said DeSoto County is very large so there are a large number of children. Ms. Crockett said the schools give referrals to Region IV but they are very careful when it comes to contacting the parents.

Ms. Crockett said the support therapist work closely with the LSC's in the school to see if services are needed for students who have Individual Education Plans (IEP's). If the child has tenure issues we contact parents. We have to have parental consent for therapists to interact with teachers and other faculty members on behalf of the student.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell stressed the importance of the continued support for the child and the importance of Region IV actually being in the schools. This program prevents a parent from having to take time off from work to take the child out of school in order to take them to a counselor.

Supervisor Mark Gardner said this interaction gives more support to the children at school.

Ms. Crockett said that Judge Celeste Wilson works very closely with the children and Region IV. She said they are doing anger management training for children at the request of Judge Wilson. Ms. Crockett said Judge Wilson meets with the counselors daily to see what they can and cannot do and she works closely with DHS and Youth Services to try and have more programs. She meets with everyone and is very excited about the programs to help children.

Ms. Crockett said they have a therapist at the DeSoto County Alternative School every day and they do risk assessments and other test of the children there. They also have the Anger Management classes and classes for the parents at the school. This is done in the afternoon and the children have school in the mornings. Judge Wilson sends the kids once a week to the Anger Management classes. Ms. Crockett said they have a therapist at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) who serves children in the JDC and acts as a youth court liaison. This person also provides individual, family and group therapy at the JDC as well as anger management and parenting classes.

Ms. Crockett said they have fifteen (15) therapists on staff and they have between two to three different schools they go to for the kids.

Supervisor Gardner asked what the cost is for a licensed therapist to be in every school.

Supervisor Caldwell said the cost would be covered by Medicare for the children.

Ms. Crockett said they have between 1500 and 1800 charts opened on the children. They seek private insurance on the ones where available, which sometimes the insurance requires them to close some cases. This limits Region IV to obtain the insurance for the children. We don't turn any child away and we sometime send nurse practitioners into the schools to help the students. The parents come or have conference calls with the counselors.

Ms. Crockett said they have a full time psychologist that works with the Sheriff's Office. They do testing on the clients. Case Managers try to help families in areas of crisis and sometimes they have to call in DHS to handle the situation.

Supervisor Caldwell asked if they work with the DHS clients. Ms. Crockett said they do, but they separate these cases from what they do for the County. They work with all other agencies on cases. She said they work to find referrals for families that need this help.

Ms. Crockett stated that DeSoto County has many resources and they need to be able to work with all of them. She said that they need help to be made aware of what programs are needed so they can create programs to handle the needs. She said the crisis team takes calls at all hours of the day.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked for the address of the building they would be touring this morning. Ms. Crockett said the building was located on Swinnea Road. She said this building is for their adult program.

The Board later recessed at 12:30 p.m. for the purpose of touring the Region IV facilities located on Swinnea Road, Southaven.

2. Approve Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement for cost sharing Hallum Estates Drainage Study

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Harvey Lee seconded the motion to approve the resolution to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Horn Lake Creek Watershed Drainage District.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

H. OTHER ITEMS

1. New Telephone System

Supervisor Harvey Lee asked about the completion of the new phone system listings.

Pat McLeod said she had one more listing that would be coming out later in the month.

2. Agenda Assignments for Legislative Meeting

The Board looked over the items to be discussed at the upcoming Legislative Meeting to be held on December 17, 2012 at 10:30 am. Assignments were made for each topic on the Legislative Wish List.

Clarifications we made on the items that were to be presented.

No motions or votes were made on this item.

The Board then announced it would convene at the Regional IV facility on Swinnea Road to continue the meeting. The Board members, board attorney, and members of the press reconvened at the Region IV facility. Members of Region IV provided a tour of the building and explained the programs that were conducted on site. After completing the tour Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion to recess the Board meeting until December 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Harvey Lee.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>

Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District

YES
YES
YES

THIS the 10th day of December 2012, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie Medlin, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors