

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2008 PRESIDING

July 7, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The July 7, 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 JUNE MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of June, 2008 pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the month of June, 2008. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

E. CONSENT

The Board of Supervisors considered the items presented on the Consent Agenda.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Road Manager had talked to the Board of Education about the school bus turnarounds being submitted during the summer. Road Manager Russell Dorris said that the Board of Education communicated that they feel obligated to fix anything that occurred during the school year. He said that some of the driving is still going on during the summer for summer school, but most of the issues they submit are for damages that occur during the school year.

Supervisor Medlin questioned the estimates provided for materials by the Board of Education and expressed concern for the cost of limestone. Mr. Dorris said the Road Department checks the needs at each school bus turnaround and applies the appropriate material. Supervisor Medlin said it would be much less expensive to avoid using limestone on the school bus turnarounds if the requests were submitted in time to do so.

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said that the lease agreements in the Consent Agenda included modifications that previously needed to be changed for the Civic Center to be used for Emergency Services. He said item number 11, which is NRCS Agreement is based on recommendations to the Board that the projects are to repair drainage issues affecting roads in the county.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows and acknowledge that the Board has made a finding of fact that the NRCS Projects are being provided to protect the roads and bridges in the county.

1. Accounting

a. Ratification of Monthly Health Claims

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

Funding Request	Date Paid	Amount	Claim Type
Date			
5/1/08	5/1/08	\$55,286.44	Administration Fees
5/5/08	5/6/08	\$63,046.29	Medical
5/5/08	5/6/08	\$5,314.30	Dental
5/5/08	5/6/08	\$15,492.12	Pharmacy
5/12/08	5/13/08	\$85,341.02	Medical
5/12/08	5/13/08	\$3,576.01	Dental
5/12/08	5/13/08	\$17,575.78	Pharmacy
5/19/08	5/22/08	\$33,376.48	Medical
5/19/08	5/22/08	\$1,989.80	Dental
5/19/08	5/22/08	\$19,349.58	Pharmacy
5/27/08	5/28/08	\$48,021.81	Medical
5/27/08	5/28/08	\$2,424.20	Dental
5/27/08	5/28/08	\$17,592.38	Pharmacy
	TOTAL	\$368,386.21	

May Book Balance	\$3,351,176.08	
April Book Balance	\$3,357,976.24	
March Book Balance	\$3,322,779.02	
February Book Balance	\$3,514,468.32	
January Book Balance	\$3,432,760.64	
December Book Balance	\$3,363,859.90	

b. Ratification of Bond Payment

\$18,000,000.00 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds
 Trustmark Bank Ck#037752 issued 6-30-08
 Interest \$56,792.40 215-800-802 Total \$56,792.40

c. Quarterly Budget Allocations

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QUARTERLY BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

For Quarter Ending September 30, 2008

TAX ASSESSOR:

Department 103.....\$339,416.91

TAX COLLECTOR:

Department 104.....\$335,792.33

SHERIFF:

Department 200 (Sheriff Administration).....\$ 287,946.25
Department 201 (Aviation).....\$ 24,786.00
Department 202 (Patrol/Law Enforcement).....\$ 1,912,239.16
Department 220 (Custody of Prisoners).....\$ 994,844.08
Department 222 (Prisoners' Medical Expense) \$ 285,389.75
Department 223 (Juvenile Detention).....\$ 193,318.66
Department 225 (Rescue Unit).....\$ 4,700.25
Department 227 (Metro Narcotics).....\$ 26,855.25

TOTAL.....\$3,730,079.40

d. Approval for Interfund Loans (3)

From: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$42,000.00
To: Circuit Court Reporters Fund 024-000-149 \$42,000.00
From: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$225,000.00
To: 2004 Bond Construction Fund 380-000-149 \$225,000.00
From: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$104,875.00
To: EMA Grants Fund 044-000-149 \$17,140.00
To: EMA Grants Fund 044-000-149 \$17,735.00
To: EMA Grants Fund 044-000-149 \$70,000.00

e. Search and Rescue – Accept Restricted Donation

From: Davenport Towing & Recovery \$500.00
Donation to: Search & Rescue Team

f. Request to Repay Interfund Loan

From: EMA Grants Fund \$148,000.00 (044-000-149)
To: General County Fund \$148,000.00 (001-000-054)

g. Request to Make Interfund Transfers

To: Circuit Court Reporters Fund \$18,000.00 (024-000-387)
From: General County Fund \$18,000.00 (001-900-951)

2. Justice Court Report

Criminal Cases Filed – 201 State Assessments - \$66,673.25
Civil Cases Filed – 359 County General Fund - \$107,050.51
Traffic Tickets Filed – 1,103 Total Collections - \$173,723.76
Total Cases Filed – 1,663

3. Bailiff Pay

Joe Holmes - \$160.00 Jason Motz -\$160.00 Liz Medlin - \$120.00 Lee Hodge - \$80.00

4. Chancery Clerk Allowance (3) - \$1,350.00 - \$1,700.00 \$2,016.66

5. Authorization to Sign Purchase Requisitions – Dept. of Road Management:

Jimmy Cox, Russell Dorris, Stan Rochelle and Bill Williams

6. Grant Applications – Approval to Apply

a. JABG Grant – 10% Match

b. Youth court Victim Witness – 25% Match

7. Amended Constable Annual Financial Report - Lester Holmes

8. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

9. Lease Agreements

a. Civic Center for Dept. of Emergency Services/WMD Training – January 11th-15th, 2010

b. Civic Center for Dept. of Emergency Services – April 20th-24th, 2009

10. Tax Exemptions – Final Resolutions

a. Sherwin Williams Company – 5 Years Personal Property

b. Future Electronics Distribution, L.P. – 10 Years Personal

c. CTW, Inc. – 10 Years Personal Property

d. Kuehne & Nagel – 10 Years Personal Property

e. Parker Hannifin Corp. – 10 Years Personal Property

f. Nu Horizons Electronics – 10 Years Personal Property

g. FedEx Ground Package System - 10 Years Personal Property

11. NRCS Agreements

a. Evergreen Drive – 25%

b. Fir Drive – 25%

12. Inventory Dispositions-Final

a. DeSoto County Buildings

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Disposed of By	Location at Final Disposal
902034	N/A	Southaven Library	Deeded to the City of Southaven	MG	Southaven
901034	N/A	Southaven Library	Deeded to the City Of Southaven	MG	Southaven

b. Animal Shelter

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Disposed of By	Location at Final Disposal
33808	1GTEK14VX 4Z258250	GMC ½ ton 2004	Wrecked and sold	AS	GovDeals.com Justin Gatewood

13. Safety Officer’s Report (1)

14. Road Department

a. Road Report and Work Schedule

b. Road Bond Report

c. School Bus Turnarounds

Ginger Manuel	4222 Hwy. 305	Hernando	901-870-5997
Johnny white	5043 Daniel Lane	Lake Cormorant	901-268-2983
Sue Sartain	7155 Copper Ridge	Lake Cormorant	901-494-5185
Martha Clayton	7570 Copper Ridge	Lake Cormorant	661-781-1261
Brian Tadlock	14780 Foti Circle	Olive Branch	901-494-4064

15. Circuit Clerk Allowance - \$7,852.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E**

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Mississippi Correctional Management Contract (Jail Consultant)

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented a contract with Irb Benjamin for consulting services to advise the Sheriff and the county in the design, construction and operations of the new jail facility that is being discussed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what Mr. Benjamin will be doing under this contract. Mr. Garriga said it depends on what the county wants Mr. Benjamin to do in regards to the jail. Mr. Garriga said that Mr. Benjamin will participate in the selection of a jail site, the development of the plans for the jail and serve as the construction manager during the construction of the jail. He said Mr. Benjamin will be available during the transition period of operations in the new jail if the Board decides to use all those services.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if we should refer inquiries about engineering, architecture and other aspects of building the jail to the County Administrator or to Irb Benjamin. Mr. Garriga said he is taking calls now and he is telling the callers that a proposal will go out for firms to submit their qualifications to the county.

The Board of Supervisors suggested that anyone interested in submitting a proposal could call the County Administrator's office.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Mr. Benjamin has expertise to handle this project. Supervisor Russell and Mr. Garriga said yes. They explained Mr. Benjamin's credentials. Sheriff Bill Rasco said that Mr. Benjamin did not come to the county but the county found Mr. Benjamin at the recommendation of the state because of his expertise in this area.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the independent contract agreement between Mississippi Correctional Management, Inc., and DeSoto County Board of Supervisors for consulting services for the DeSoto County Jail. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----NO
 Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES
 Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES
 Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit F.1

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Assessor

a. Presentation of Tax Rolls

Tax Assessor Parker Pickle presented the 2008 Tax Rolls to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Pickle presented the total assessed value and the total appraised value as follows:

Total Assessed Value

**July 7, 2008
July Re-Cap**

Full County Taxes

Real	969,691,966
Personal	143,137,304
Public Utilities	27,967,153
Mobile Homes	1,376,574
Automobiles	<u>245,331,326</u>
Total	1,387,504,323

Total School Tax Only

Real	57,075,903
Personal	<u>19,191,733</u>
Total For Schools	76,267,636

2008 Assessed Value	1,463,771,959
2007 Assessed Value	<u>1,344,019,775</u>
Increase	119,752,184

8.9% Increase

Fee in Lieu Value

Real	10,145,107
Personal	<u>57,690,716</u>
Total	67,835,823

Total Assessed Value 2008	*1,531,607,782
Total Assessed Value 2007	<u>*1,437,868,282</u>
Increase Including Fee in Lieu	93,739,500

***6.52% Increase**

***Note: Includes Fee In Lieu**

**Total Appraised Value
July 7, 2008**

Real Property	8,738,584,203
Personal Property	1,082,191,824
Public Utilities	93,223,843
Mobile Homes	9,178,461
Automobiles	<u>817,775,245</u>
Total Appraised Value	10,740,953,576

Fee In Lieu

Real	67,634,046
Personal	<u>384,604,773</u>
Total	452,238,819

2008 Total Appraised Value	11,193,192,395
2007 Total Appraised Value	<u>10,456,097,709</u>
Increase	737,094,686

7.05% Increase in Appraised Value

Mr. Pickle said that homestead applications went from over 6,000 to over 4,000 this year. He said, despite that fact, the county added \$119,000,000 to assessed valuation over 2007. Mr. Pickle said the Tax Assessor's office has not measured as many homes this year but the commercial additions accounted for a significant increase in assessed valuation. He said that land is being added to the rolls this year and buildings will be added next year.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to accept the tax rolls as presented by the Tax Assessor,

THIS day came on to be considered by the Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County, Mississippi, the matter of equalizing assessments of real and personal property for the year 2008, and the Board affirmatively finds and adjudicates that Parker Pickle, Tax Assessor of

DeSoto County, has completed and filed the 2008 real and personal assessment rolls of DeSoto County, Mississippi, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-35-81,

Mississippi Code 1972, has delivered the said rolls in legal form to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of this county on or before the First Monday of July 2008, and that said Assessor has made and appended to said real and personal rolls the affidavit in the form and as provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that this Board of Supervisors will immediately at its July 7, 2008 meeting proceed to equalize such rolls and will cause to be assessed any person, or thing, found to be omitted, and correctly value any property found to be undervalued, and do all things required by Section 27-35-87, Code of 1972, and other laws, and cause all corrections to be made in the said rolls, and will complete such equalization at least ten (10) days before the August, 2008 meeting, and upon adjournment will immediately by newspaper publication notify the public that such rolls so equalized are ready and open for inspection and examination.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.1.a**

b. Request to Donate Blue Line Machine to Itawamba County

Tax Assessor Parker Pickle said DeSoto County has a blue line machine that is over 30 years old and is no longer being used. He said that supplies can no longer be purchased for the machine. He said he went to the Tax Assessor's web site and asked if any other county has a need for the machine and Itawamba said that their machine broke last week. They said they are only planning to use the blue line machine until the end of the year because they have adequate supplies to last until the end of the budget year. Mr. Pickle said that because the machine is so old and we cannot get parts for it, the machine has basically no value and he recommended donating the machine to Itawamba County.

At the recommendation of the Tax Assessor, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to declare the blue line machine in the Tax Assessor's office as surplus and approve donating the machine to Itawamba County, and to acknowledge that the machine has no value and the donation will not detrimentally effect the taxpayers of DeSoto County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.1.a**

2. Voting Precincts

a. Hernando West

b. Pleasant Hill North

c. Love

Election Commissioner Tina Hill and Election Commissioner Barry Chatham appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding a request to move voting precincts. Ms. Hill recommended moving the Hernando West Precinct from the Administration Building to the Gale Center. She said the Administration Building location is on the third floor and that has caused some inconvenience and the Gale Center is a newly renovated building, has adequate parking and is logistically in a good location for the voters of the Hernando West Precinct.

Ms. Hill recommended moving the Love Precinct from the Love Fire Department to the Ebenezer Baptist Church. She said the Love Fire Department is small and any election with substantial turn out has caused the voting equipment to have to be moved to the bays. If there is any moisture in the air, the readers will not read the ballots. She said the Ebenezer Baptist Church is located very close to the current precinct and has adequate parking and space available for the voters. She said the county has had a positive experience using churches as voting precincts.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Gale Center has a handicap entrance on the other side of the building that may be inconvenient for voters. Ms. Hill said the side of the building where the voting will take place is on the same side as the handicap access.

Mr. Chatham said that the Pleasant Hill North Precinct has previously voted in the New Beginnings Baptist Church, but they submitted a request that the voting precinct be moved from the church. He said that Pleasant Hill Baptist Church has approved voting in their church.

Mr. Chatham said that he would also ask that the Board come up with a policy for the removal of signs at churches. Board Attorney Tony Nowak advised that any policy that would apply to the churches be applied to all county precincts. Mr. Chatham requested that the county assist in collection of the signs. Supervisor Bill Russell suggested making sign removal part of the Bailiffs responsibility. Ms. Hill recommended that their pay be increased to that of the receiving clerks at the precincts which is \$125 per election to include the extra work of the removal of the signs. She said this would be a \$25 increase over their normal fee of \$100 per election. Mr. Nowak said he would need to check on whether it is legal to increase the pay for Bailiffs.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve moving voting precincts as follows:

- 1.) Hernando West from the Administration Building to the Gale Center
- 2.) Love Precinct from the Love Fire Department to the Ebenezer Baptist Church
- 3.) Pleasant Hill North Precinct from the New Beginnings Baptist Church to the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Board Attorney Tony Nowak suggested allowing him to look into the authority to pay additional money for the removal of signs. The Election Commissioners asked to let them notify the other Election Commissioners about the change in the pay for removal of signs.

This item was held over until July 21, 2008.

3. Accounting – Claims Docket

Comptroller Tom Arnold and Stephanie Hanks of the Accounting Department presented the claims docket to be paid for various departments.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked why medical costs were so much more on this docket. Comptroller Tom Arnold said there several large claims but also there was no supplemental claims docket in the middle of June so this docket included those items that would have been seen at that time.

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. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.3**

4. Inventory Dispositions-Preliminary

Inventory Clerk Amy Henley presented various requests for inventory dispositions. She said that the disposition for Building and Grounds was actually presented to the Board of Supervisors in 2007 for preliminary approval. She said because the Director of Building and Grounds Kenny Evans had been out on medical leave the final disposition was never approved and it is being presented for final approval today. Sheriff Bill Rasco said that the Building and Grounds Department has fixed a lot of things in the jail. He said for the most part, the jail is in good shape.

Ms. Henley presented changes from the state that now allows many items to be removed from inventory.

Supervisor Bill Russell said there are a lot of items on the list that could disappear if they do not have an inventory sticker. Supervisor Russell asked the Road Manager his opinion regarding removal of items that pertain to the Department of Road Management. Mr. Dorris said, although some items may disappear, it can be expensive keep all items in the inventory system.

Supervisor Latimer asked for the Sheriff's comments. Sheriff Bill Rasco said high dollar items do need to be kept on inventory but some items are easily lost during the line of duty.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Inventory Clerk to remove various items from the county inventory. No second was received on this motion.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said it would be fine with him to remove the items if we have the department heads review the list and make recommendations for removal of items. Supervisor Lewis said if items start missing, the department head and the person authorized to sign purchase requisitions should put the items back on the inventory list and take steps to correct the situation.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to instruct the inventory clerk to get the recommendations from the department heads on the items that need to be kept on inventory. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
 Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----NO
 Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES
 Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the preliminary dispositions as recommended by the inventory clerk as follows:

a. Building & Grounds

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
33610	M3080073	Hitachi Camera	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
38350	201580F	Pelco Camera	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
33925	17833616	JVC Camera	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
35395	C0316168	Mini Dome Camera	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
35487	36093	Ryobi Cordless Drill	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
35489	19361	Ryobi Cordless Drill	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
35490	19362	Ryobi Cordless Drill	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
35491	16752	Ryobi Cordless Drill	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
35492	16776	Ryobi Cordless Drill	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
35493	16752	Ryobi Cordless Drill	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
35494	36753	Ryobi Cordless Drill	Broken	Bldg & Gnds Shop
34770	28006140379	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34771	28006170402	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34773	28006170406	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34774	28006170405	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34775	28006140380	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34776	28006140375	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34777	28006140376	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34778	28006140384	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34779	28006140383	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment

34784	28006170420	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34785	28006170419	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34786	80655180711	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34787	80655180741	CSI Pro Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment
34772	28006170398	CSI Pro Sec Camera	Destroyed by Inmates	See Attachment

b. Hernando/Olive Branch Library

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
35218	DKS4N41	Dell PC	Broken	HQ/Angie King

c. IT Department

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
31682	PR4010034	Xerox Printer	Broken	IT Dept
33529	31ADD009801	Panasonic Camera	Broken	IT Dept
5078	JPCD180005	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
31308	MY1AL1S0D7	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
8151	2374647	IBM Monitor	Broken	IT Dept
32622	GH17H9NW700751	Samsung Monitor	Broken	IT Dept
35569	MY47S3P1MT	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
6290	4161205633	Epson Printer	Broken	IT Dept
6244	USCB413285	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
30471	SG94K13023	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
30431	SG94L130VJ	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
30439	SG93F13119	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
5083	No s/n	IBM Monitor	Broken	IT Dept
37078	Q5W062504724	Viewsonic Mtr	Broken	IT Dept
30202	23MHVCR	IBM Mtr	Broken	IT Dept
32144	No s/n	Southern Systems PC	Broken/Parts	IT Dept
30742	23143670001	Micron PC	Broken/Outdated	IT Dept
30809	2531561001	Micron PC	Broken/Parts	IT Dept
33541	CN3BQ221MN	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
31798	G3120625327	Linksys Access Point	Broken	IT Dept
36989	Q1550600384	Ricoh Laser Printer	Broken	IT Dept

d. Planning Commission

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
30902	OC156655	Sharp Calculator	Broken	Planning Commission
31379	15VX21BC	SONYMICRO	Broken	Planning Commission

e. Land Records

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
35190	720KLVY	Lexmark E234 Printer	Broken	101
31790	333023150113	ViewSonic 19" Monitor	Broken	101
31089	25941757249	Dell Dim PC	Obsolete	101
31090	BX11W01	Dell Dim PC	Obsolete	101

f. Various Dept. per State Rule Changes

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. See Exhibit G.4

5. Board of Education – Assistance for Hernando Elementary School

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to hold this item over until Wednesday July 9.

6. Board Attorney

a. Purchasing – AG Opinion on Cooperative Purchase Agreements

Board Attorney Tony Nowak suggested getting an Attorney General's opinion on the county's ability to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements. He explained that the county's ability to participate is confusing in the reading of the Mississippi Code and needs some clarification by the Attorney General.

The Board of Supervisors asked the benefits of participating in cooperative purchasing agreements. Vanessa Lynchard explained that cooperative purchasing agreements can save the county money. She said that it is very likely this will lead to a Legislative request for the 2009 session.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to get an Attorney General's opinion on cooperative purchasing to fully explain the county's authority to use these agreements. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

b. Forest Hill PUD

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said, under the agreement with the Forest Hill PUD, the developer was to contribute \$7,000 toward improvements in the Forest Hill area. He said the county has received that check.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the check in the amount of \$7,000 from the developer for the Forest Hill PUD to offset costs for improvements near the Forest Hill PUD. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

c. Stormwater Ordinance

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said in November the Board adopted the DeSoto County Stormwater Ordinance. The minutes reflect a motion to adopt the ordinance but the actual order was never put in the minutes. There recently was a court that requested an order establishing the ordinance adoption and it would be prudent to correct the clerical error of not having an order in the prior minutes by Nowak adopting an order. Mr. Nowak said he has prepared a board order to that effect for future use.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to adopt the order from the Board of Supervisors acknowledging their previous adoption of the DeSoto County Stormwater Ordinance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

d. BMS Agreement for Jail Medical Bill Review

Board Attorney Tony Nowak presented an agreement with a group to oversee the medical bills incurred by inmates at the jail. He said the group will audit the bills for accuracy as well as negotiate rates with the hospitals. Mr. Nowak said Mr. Garriga has estimated the company will save the jail quite a bit of money. He said the cost per inmate for participation in this program is \$13.75 per month.

Supervisor Russell asked if they will provide an audit report which reflects the savings. County Administrator Michael Garriga said yes.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the requirement for the county to pay for all inmates in the jail and the potential savings that could be generated through adoption of this contract. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the company will work on a percentage of savings. Mr. Garriga said, to his knowledge, all of the counties represented by BMS in Mississippi are contracted on a per inmate price.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the agreement with BMS for jail medical review. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----NO
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES

Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

Mr. Garriga said he would check on the company's position on contracting for a percentage of savings as that may be less risky for the county. Mr. Garriga said, with the claims paid today, we would have saved a tremendous amount of money through the contract with BMS.
Exhibit G.6.d

e. Shred It Contract

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said that adoption of the Shred It contract was tabled at the last meeting. He said the contract as written should be modified to include some minor revisions such as naming of the agency in the contract.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Shred It contract subject to changes recommended by the Board Attorney. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

f. Convention and Visitor's Bureau-Appointment of Charles Tucker

Board Attorney Tony Nowak presented a recommendation from the DeSoto County Economic Council to reappoint Charles Tacker to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to reappoint Charles Tacker as the Economic Development Appointee to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Advertising County Resources Request

Supervisor Allen Latimer forwarded a request from the Horn Lake All Star Baseball Team for funding a tournament in South Mississippi for their baseball team which has progressed to an advanced tournament.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the request and determined that it qualifies as a regional event. Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize allocating \$200 from Advertising County Resources to the Horn Lake All Star Baseball Team as the event was determined to advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County through the team traveling outside the county to promote sportsmanship. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Starlanding Underpass Change Order

Engineer Jamie Pittman presented a request for a change order for the Starlanding Underpass to the Board of Supervisors. He said there is one landowner whose driveway was replaced with an asphalt driveway and is unhappy because of the driveway entrance. He said as a matter of safety they added gravel to the edge of the driveway which is a common practice with driveways. He said the gravel creates a surface unlike the surface prior to the construction and the landowner is unhappy with the outcome. He said after discussing the issue, they have decided to put sod on the edges of the driveway on top of the gravel. Mr. Pittman said he does not have line item for the sod and needs approval from the Board to add that line item. He said the price for the sod is \$10 per square foot. He said he anticipates other landowners making the same request and he would like to include enough for all of them if necessary. He said it will only be added if the landowner requests it. He said the total necessary for the sod is \$2,500. County Engineer Andy Swims agreed that this is a reasonable amount for the sod and other landowners will likely request the same outcome.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked who will be responsible for watering the sod. Mr. Pittman said under the contract the grass must live or the contractor will have to replace the sod at no additional cost.

Due to the unforeseen circumstances that will result in this change order, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve a change in the scope of work required to address the circumstance to return the driveway to its' original condition and after determining the estimated cost of repairs is reasonable, to approve a change order and to add the line item in the amount of \$2,500 to the contract for the Starlanding Underpass. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Asphalt Price Increases Effects on Bond

County Engineer Andy Swims presented a hand-out to make the Board aware of the situation with the increases in asphalt prices due to the rising cost of fuel. He presented the rate of increase since 2005 to the Board. He said subdivisions have set bonds based on price increases that have traditionally been very gradual. He presented the bond deficits that will be a result of the traditional bond increases on these subdivisions as detailed in Exhibit G.9. He said the county will see a continued increase in asphalt prices according to market analysts. He said he wanted to make the Board aware that there may not be enough money in subdivisions' bonds if these prices continue to increase.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to allow Board Attorney Tony Nowak to work with County Engineer Andy Swims on the bond increase issue. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **Exhibit G.9**

10. NRCS Projects

Assistant County Engineer Scott Young presented two projects for consideration for NRCS funding. The projects are Camp and Hurricane Creek Watersheds, Sites 2, 4 and 5. He said under the agreement, the county must approve an Operations and Maintenance Agreement which says the county will take care of the property after the project is constructed and the county will take care of utility relocations. He said there is no match money required under this agreement.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the NRCS projects as presented at Camp and Hurricane Creek Watersheds sites 2, 4 and 5 and to authorize the Board Attorney Tony Nowak to complete the assurances required in the contract and to authorize the Board President to sign the documents. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit G.10**

11. Greenway Allocation to DeSoto Council

County Administrator Michael Garriga explained the county's ability to contribute to the Greenway project due to the way it is funded. He said there could be some concerns and he and the Board Attorney would like to hold this item over to address any issues that could result.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to hold this item over until Wednesday, July 9, 2008. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

12. Chancery Court-Request for Cellular Phones

Vanessa Lynchard explained that the state has added a new position of law clerk to the Chancery Court and the Chancery Judge has requested a cell phone for the law clerk. She said that Judge Lynchard plans to pay for the cell phone through the current budget year.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the addition for a cellular phone through Cellular South for the Chancery Court law clerk at a rate of \$59.99 per month. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----NO
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

I. OTHER

1. Park Funds-District 5

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Road Manager Russell Dorris has determined that the walking trail at the Cockrum Community Center will cost \$10,000 or less to construct. He said he would like to donate \$5,000 to the Hernando Saddle Club for their efforts to add lights to their park.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to allocate \$5,000 to the Hernando Saddle Club for lights at the ball park in accordance with the authority granted in the local and private bill that was passed during the 2008 legislative session. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Building & Grounds-Renovation of Olive Branch Health Department

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis to authorize the County Administrator Michael Garriga to get with Marvin Johnson to discuss the renovation of the Tax Collector's Building in Olive Branch for the Health Department to determine the cost for the improvements. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Health and Wellness-Relocation to Southaven

Supervisor Bill Russell said the Health and Wellness Center is moving to the old library in Southaven. He said Southaven is paying for most of the remodeling. He said Director of Building and Grounds Kenny Evans has agreed to allow the doors and cabinetry to be moved from the old building to the new Health and Wellness Center.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the doors and cabinetry to be moved to the new Health and Wellness Center in Southaven from the old Health and Wellness Center in Walls. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Library-Walls Library

Supervisor Bill Russell said he met with Catherine Nathan the Director of the First Regional Library System and they are anxious to use the Walls Library building after the Health and Wellness Center has relocated to Southaven. He said some remodeling will have to be done to accomplish the expansion of the library.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize Kenny Evans the Director of Building and Grounds to determine a cost for the renovation of the Walls Library. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Tax Collector Office-Southaven

Supervisor Bill Russell said he met with Joey Treadway to discuss the condition of the Tax Collector office in Southaven. Supervisor Russell said the office needs to be painted, the carpets need to be replaced and the exterior of the building is in need of improvements and needs to be updated.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize Kenny Evans, Director of Building and Grounds, to work with Joey Treadway to come up with a plan for improvements to the building and report the estimated cost back to the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he would like to include the Justice Court Building in the renovations. Supervisor Russell said the motion intended to include the front of the entire building.

6. Storm Drainage

Supervisor Bill Russell said Mississippi Code Section 19-5-92.1 covers the county's ability to work on sewers and drainage pipes. He said the Board Attorney has mentioned there may be concerns with the county doing such work. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said there is a memo he is preparing to the Board Members about this issue. He said we may need a clarification of the definition of creek or drainage. Road Manager Russell Dorris said there is some latitude in what is considered a stream or creek. He asked if you can work on those that are enclosed in pipes. Supervisor Russell asked if the Board can declare a storm drain to be a hazard if a section of ditch is closed by a certain number of feet. Mr. Nowak said no.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked the Board Attorney to work with Mr. Dorris to word a request an Attorney General's opinion should they determine such a request would be prudent.

7. Roads-Hamilton and Craft

Road Manager Russell Dorris said they did a traffic signal warrant analysis at Hamilton and Craft Road. It does not warrant a signal today, but it will when the five lanes of Craft Road are opened. He said he would like to make plans now on installing the signalization so we can use the plans when we need to add the signal. He said this will be located at the new Craft Road north of the Church Road intersection with Hamilton.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve getting plans for signalization at Hamilton and Craft Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Animal Shelter - Events

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked about the Animal Shelters surrenders and asked that an adoption event be scheduled to aid with placement of surrendered animals. Vanessa Lynchard said that she would make sure the county has such an event.

9. EMS Director-Bobby Storey

EMS Bobby Storey thanked the Board of Supervisors for their help and support through his sickness. The Board of Supervisors welcomed Mr. Storey back in his position as EMS Director.

10. Public Hearings for Heavy Haul Permit and Beer Sales

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said there was no notice published for the public hearing for the Heavy Haul Permit and extended hours for beer sales. He asked if the Board would like to set a specific date for the hearing.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to set the public hearing for the Heavy Haul Permit and extended hours for beer sales for August 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess the meeting until July 9, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 7th day of July 2008, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Allen Latimer, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors