

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT FOUR LEE CALDWELL, PRESIDING

March 24, 2014

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of March 24, 2014 of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Board President.

Sheriff Bill Rasco of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and opened the Special Board of Supervisors Meeting to hear all business related to the Special Meeting 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 Mark Gardner presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. Special Called Meeting

1. Approval of Notice of Special Called Meeting March 24, 2014

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Harvey Lee seconded the motion to approve the Notice of Special Called Meeting March 24, 2014 at 8:00 a.m., and make the notice a part of the minutes for this meeting in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. 19-3-19.

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 D.1

2. Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations Regarding Activities Within County Parks; Prohibiting Certain Activities in County Parks; Establishing Requirements Related To Vehicles And Traffic Within Parks and Providing for Enforcement And Penalties

Supervisor Mark Gardner said last year the National Rifle Association worked with DeSoto County in establishing a firearms ordinance in the county. The ordinance prohibits the discharge of firearms across county greenways and parks. Supervisor Gardner said he would like to use the same language in the proposed greenways and parks ordinance. He said the state statute is clear

on three ways to carry firearms:

- Open carry
- Concealed carry
- Enhanced carry

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve replacing the language in the greenways and parks ordinance with the language in the firearms ordinance.

Board Attorney Tony Nowak recommended all firearm language be removed from the greenway and parks ordinance.

Supervisor Mark Gardner rescinded the previous motion and Supervisor Bill Russell rescinded the second.

Mr. Nowak recommended removing the language from item d. on page 3 except for the first line of the paragraph.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell said the Public Hearing for the new proposed ordinance is scheduled to be heard on April, 7, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve deleting all verbiage regarding firearms and leaving only the first sentence under Section 3, letter d., which states "Hunting and Firearms. Hunting, tracking, or the pursuit of wildlife prohibited in all Parks".

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 D.2

E. Old Business – None

F. Executive Session – None

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting until April 7, 2014 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>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>

THIS the 24th day of March, 2014, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Lee Caldwell, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors