

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**TOMMY LEWIS, VICE PRESIDENT, 2011 PRESIDING**

**May 16, 2011**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The May 16, 2011 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board Vice President.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear 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 Absent
- 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. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if anyone was present in the audience to address the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill of Oakcrest Road addressed the Board. Mrs. Hemphill said they have a bad water drainage problem. When they have a heavy rain, their yard becomes flooded. She presented pictures that showed water during a recent rain event. Mrs. Hemphill said she was afraid the water would get inside the house.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the Hemphills probably understand that it is against the law for the Board to do anything unless it affects the road or there is a threat to public health and safety.

Mrs.Hemphill said she was told the culvert and drainage needs to be enlarged. She said the county put in the culvert.

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he does not have a solution to the situation. It is a natural drainage area and he has looked at the problem.

Mrs. Hemphill said the neighbor’s property is flooding and it’s ruining the Hemphill property.

Supervisor Russell asked when the culvert in question was installed. Ms. Hemphill said six or seven years ago.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the county engineers to go to the Hemphill’s and see if something

can legally be done to alleviate the flooding. Supervisor Lewis said the Board is willing to help if it can be done legally, but the Board is limited on what the county can do. Supervisor Russell agreed with Supervisor Lewis. He said, if the engineers look at the issue, they can advise the Board on what can be done, if anything can be done. He said the Board of Supervisors wants to do whatever we can for the citizens, but the Board must abide by the law.

Supervisor Lewis asked if there was anyone else present to speak to the Board. No one came forward.

**E. CONSENT**

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

**1. Make Part of Minutes**

**a. Contract with Standard Construction Co., Inc., for Overlay of Various Roads in DeSoto County**

**b. Lease Purchase with Siemens Public, Inc./Daktronics Sign (DeSoto County for Benefit of DC CVB)**

**2. Dept. of Road Management**

**a. Extension of L & T Road Bond**

**b. Safety Report**

**2. Office of Procurement: Solicit Bids**

**a. Request for Proposals for Insurance Broker Insurance**

**b. e-Waste**

**4. Office of Finance & Accounting**

**a. Budget Amendments**

<b>b. Repay Interfund Loan</b>	From: State Aid Road Fund	\$17,400.00	(170-000-149)
	To: General County Fund	\$17,400.00	(001-000-054)

<b>5. Chancery Clerk Allowance (2)</b>	\$2,316.66	\$1,400.00
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**6. Grants Administration**

**a. Occupant Protection Grant**

**b. DUI Grant**

**c. Accept Homeland Security Grant M8HS017 T - \$4,000 Paratech Equipment**

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit Redistricting**

## F. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Dept. of Road Management: Holly Springs Road Flooding

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he has received quotes from contractors for emergency repair of flooding damage on Holly Springs Road, as was previously approved by the Board. Mr. Dorris said the bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. He said that he and DeSoto County State Aid Engineer Tracy Huffman would leave the meeting to open the bids and return with the bid results. Mr. Dorris said they are trying to find a place to burn the debris.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if they could burn the debris instead of hauling it off. Mr. Dorris said he did not get much positive feedback from EPA about the possibility of getting a burn permit.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked what kind of debris they are referring to. Mr. Dorris said limbs, cornstalks, tires, bottles, trash etc. Mr. Huffman said approximately 200,000 to 250,000 pounds needs to be removed from the site. He said FEMA may be able to participate in the cost of removing the debris.

Supervisor Russell asked if it was possible to burn the debris. Mr. Dorris said he would talk to Tim Curtis to find out if they would be allowed to burn the debris. Supervisor Russell said there was flooding in Southaven last year and they were allowed to burn debris.

Chief Deputy Director of Emergency Services Chris Olson said Holly Springs Road is a state aid road and he is sure removal of debris falls under the FEMA declaration if we get it. If we can get FEMA's participation, they will pay 75% on removal or burn of debris. Mr. Olson said in DeSoto County, we have an air quality issue with burning. It is allowed on a case by case basis and is determined by DEQ.

Supervisor Russell asked if the debris could be left while we find out. Mr. Dorris said the debris needs to be moved as soon as possible.

Supervisor Russell asked if they had to remove the debris before getting answers. Mr. Olson said leaving the debris during future flooding or rains creates more of a problem.

Supervisor Russell said, since we have plans to replace the road, can it be patched to last for a couple of years or until the road is built. Mr. Dorris said that is what we are doing.

Mr. Dorris said the alignment would change no matter what is done.

Supervisor Medlin asked if FEMA would come to look at it. Mr. Dorris said they have looked at it and are now studying it. DEQ will have to give that approval to not let the readings count against the county when considering the burn request.

Supervisor Medlin asked how long it would take for FEMA to make a decision with this issue. Mr. Olson said FEMA would have to assess the preliminary damage and that will take one to two weeks. A request must be made to DEQ.

Supervisor Medlin said it is going to cost a lot of money. Mr. Olson said FEMA could approve the project and would then pay 75%, the state would pay 12.5% and DeSoto County would pay 12.5%.

Supervisor Medlin asked if the request has been made to see if the debris can be burned. Mr. Dorris said Tim Curtis is checking on that. Mr. Dorris said he would check with Mr. Curtis for a status.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Dorris and Mr. Huffman returned and presented the bids to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Dorris said they received three bids and explained the base amount and the alternate amount. The base amount is for patching and the alternate amount is for overlaying the entire section although it may or may not be necessary. Mr. Dorris and Mr. Huffman presented the bids to the Board as follows:

<b>Contractor Name</b>	<b>Certificate of Responsibility</b>	<b>Base Amount</b>	<b>Alternate Amount</b>
M & H L & T Talbot Brothers	17889-SC	\$399,094.20	\$179,507.68
Cleveland Construction	03884	\$402,955.40	\$186,634.00
Lamb Construction Chancellor & Sons Bridgforth Properties	14227-c	\$314,889.50	\$159,596.50

At the recommendation of the DeSoto County State Aid Engineer and the Road Manager, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve Lamb Construction as the lowest and best bid for emergency repairs from flood damage on Holly Springs Road and authorize the issuing of the contract subject to the Board Attorney's approval. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to review the contract with Lamb Construction for repairs Holly Springs Road. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit F.1**

**2. Ratification of Local Emergency Proclamation**

Chief Deputy Director of Emergency Services Chris Olson said we asked for an emergency declaration in the previous Board Meeting. Mr. Olson said the Governor is asking for an additional declaration to cover the second flood event. He said we are asking for an additional declaration as a protective measure. Mr. Olson presented a Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency for the Board's consideration. He said the first proclamation was declared for the storm event. This second proclamation is for the flood event. He said they always follow up with an additional request so there is no gap in the flow of paperwork. Mr. Olson said the recent flood event is considered a Category B event. The declaration helps get reimbursement.

Mr. Olson said we got a FEMA declaration for individual assistance. He said a Disaster Relief Center is set up at the DeSoto County Civic Center. He said that citizens can go there for help and a press release will go out today from FEMA.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there is a list of citizens in need of help. Mr. Olson said there is a list of addresses. Supervisor Lewis asked if they could send a card to the addresses. Mr. Olson said FEMA will be here today and they will visit them door to door. There are 72 homes affected by the flood. The Disaster Relief Center will also assist Marshall County.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked the Board of Supervisors if they received a letter from MAS offering assistance to county employees who were affected by the event. He said there is money available for all county employees with the exception of the Supervisors.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said Human Resources received the letter and forwarded it to employees.

Mr. Olson said he knew of no county employees affected except by the roads. Supervisor Medlin said it is hard for people trying to get home on the flooded roads.

Mr. Olson said they can evaluate anyone affected by the roads and see if they qualify for assistance. He said citizens needing assistance could go online and register first, and then go the Disaster Relief Center (DRC). They can apply online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or call 800-621-FEMA (3362). He said TTY 800-462-7585 or WEB-ENABLED [WWW.M.FEMA.GOV](http://WWW.M.FEMA.GOV). Mr. Olson said the DRC could assist businesses, homeowners and renters in several counties that are listed on the web site.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency for the recent flood event and authorized the Board President to sign the document. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit F.2**

### **3. Board Attorney**

#### **a. I-69 Easements (305 – Marshall)**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said this issue has been resolved and no action is needed.

#### **b. Law Library – Contract with First Regional Library**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said, at the last meeting, the Board approved to move the DeSoto County Law Library under the management of the First Regional Library and authorized him to write an agreement with First Regional Library. The agreement is now being presented for consideration. He said the county would transfer the balance of the Law Library funds in the amount of \$125,000, to the First Regional Library. Going forward, the First Regional Library will receive from the county the quarterly revenues the county collects from fees received from the courts.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if it would cost more for the Law Library to be located at the First Regional Library. County Administrator Michael Garriga said they have a dedicated area in the building and many additional services could be provided for the same monies the county is currently collecting.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the fees collected will pay for the terminals in other libraries and entities in county. Mr. Garriga said the fees would pay for the terminals. There is a substantial amount of money available for the First Regional Library, other libraries as well and place a terminal at the Sheriff’s Department for the inmates.

Supervisor Medlin said First Regional Library has hired an attorney to oversee the Law Library part time. He asked Mr. Nowak if First Regional could come back for additional funding for the Law Library in the future. He said he understands they have hired an attorney to work in the Law Library. Mr. Nowak said the contract is for one year and may be terminated at any time. Mr. Nowak noted that the First Regional Library can always ask for additional funding, but the agreement does not obligate the county to pay funding requests.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he asked the First Regional Library to set up a separate account for the Law Library. He said this Board levies fees and can choose not to increase or to increase funding.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said by having a terminal at the jail, it would be a tremendous help to his department.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the agreement for the operation and management of the DeSoto County Public Law Library and the First Regional Library. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit F.3.b**

**c. Jacobs Land Donation**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said there is work that needs to be done to resolve issues on the title before the Board can consider accepting the donation of land, but we are getting closer. He said there are multiple tracts of property the donors wish to donate, but there are title problems that need to be resolved. The donors that contacted the county only hold a twenty five (25%) ownership interest. One tract is located behind Sutton Place Apartments. There is a problem with this tract in locating all of the owners. In addition, the property is located on a flood plain and restrictions require accessing the property thru Sutton Place Apartments.

Mr. Nowak said another tract of property is located in front of Home Depot and across the street from the Kroger parking lot and there is an easement concerns. There are similar issues with the title on that tract as well. He said he thinks the problem with the easement can be fixed.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked Mr. Nowak if it would be worthwhile to get an appraisal. He asked if it is worth spending money to receive the land.

Mr. Nowak said yes, an appraisal would be appropriate if the title issues can be resolved. He said he could start the process by contacting the other owners of the property to see if they also want to donate the property. From there, he can come up with an estimate of the cost to clear the title that could be compared to the land value.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the wanted to make sure the county gets the total donation. He said the 25% owner should get with the other owners to see if they have an interest in donating. Then we can get the appraisal. He said he doesn't want to move forward without knowing whether the other owners want to donate.

**4. Planning Commission Agenda – 11:00 a.m.  
Public Hearing – David Dixon's Appeal of Board of Adjustment's Decision**

Planning Director Jim McDougal said he received a phone call last week from Mr. Dixon and he wanted to withdraw the appeal. He said he was aware of only one other person interested in the appeal and he contacted them. No one was present for the appeal, but the publications noticed for 11:00 a.m.

Mr. McDougal said letters have been sent to homeowners.

The Board Attorney said there needs to be a motion to dismiss the appeal. The Board of Supervisors said it would be best to wait until 11:00 a.m. to see if any interested parties appear.

At 11:00 a.m. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there was anyone present to address the Board of Supervisors on this issue. No one came forward.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to

dismiss the appeal of the Board of Adjustments decision regarding Mr. David Dixon due to Mr. Dixon' request that his appeal be withdrawn. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal**

Rex Haynes of Brown and Haynes Insurance, appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding the renewal of property and casualty insurance. Mr. Haynes said the county's property and casualty insurance has been with Travelers. He said Brown and Haynes got other quotes this year, but Travelers is still the lowest quote of those received. He said he understands that the county feels like Travelers has done a good job and Brown and Haynes agrees they have done a good job. Mr. Haynes said, in recent years, the county has had premium decreases from casualty, but this year their prices are higher than in the past.

Supervisor Bill Russell verified that the true rate increase is about 5%. He said he noticed that the increase that was quoted was more than 5%. Mr. Haynes said the additional rate increase is because the county acquired more property. Supervisor Russell said the county should evaluate the value of its buildings and other property to make sure the insurance values are correct.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he agreed the county property should be re-evaluated. He said that Mr. Haynes does meet with the county annually regarding the county property.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the cost of earthquake insurance to the county. He said he would like to know where all the county vehicles are located to make sure everything is insured correctly.

Mr. Garriga said they also discussed increasing the deductibles to save the county money.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve renewing property and casualty insurance with Travelers and to approve a budget amendment in connection with the 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-----ABSENT  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**See Exhibit G.1**

**2. Inventory Dispositions – Preliminary**

Inventory Clerk Charmaine McCool presented preliminary inventory dispositions as follows:

**a. Facilities Management**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposition
34848	533454F	Trane 3ton A/C	Broken
39781	904078141	Goodman 5ton A/C	Moved from rental property
40151	903010183	Goodman 5ton A/C	Moved from rental property

Ms. McCool explained that the air conditioners are permanent and they will remain with the building. The building is the former SIDS Unit facility in the old Igloo building.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if it is legal to leave the units even if they are permanent fixtures. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said yes, it was part of the lease agreement that all fixtures remain with the property.

**b. Extension Service**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposition
004013	C-110-18074	Projector (Mark IV Opaque Projector-GE)	Broken (Bulbs obsolete, bulb broken broken off in camera)

**c. Animal Service**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposition
37081	2822279197	Canon Camera	Lost-lost form done 2008
34416	121807370	Nokia Phone	Ruined-Found in flower bed

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there should be an affidavit for the Nokia phone, since it was lost by an employee. Ms. McCool said she would get an affidavit.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the preliminary dispositions as recommended by the Inventory Clerk. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit G.2**

**3. Office of Finance & Accounting: Supplemental Claims Docket**

Finance Clerk, Stephanie Hanks, and Chief Financial Officer, Tom Arnold, of the Office of Finance and Accounting, presented the claims docket to the Board. Ms. Hanks and Mr. Arnold read the items on the claims docket individually and the Board discussed these items.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about the \$15 payment to Hospital Wing. Mr. Arnold said it was for payment to attend a class presented by the Hospital Wing.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked about the payment on page 58 for \$385.99. Mr. Arnold said that payment was issued to a former inmate. When the inmate was incarcerated, all personal items including money, were checked in at the jail. He said all items are returned to inmates upon their release. Mr. Arnold said when this inmate was released the eye glasses and ring were missing, so the county reimbursed that amount to the inmate.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said he did not realize this issue existed, but recommended the reimbursements come from the confiscated inmate contraband fund. He said he would like to look into having the money come from the seized fund. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said he would need to look into the legality of doing that.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak Law Firm to look into the legality of using seized inmate funds to reimburse inmates for personal money or property that is missing when they are released. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES

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

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked about the bill for solid waste and garbage. He said it seems to be a large bill coming in the middle of the month. Supervisor Lewis asked if the Board could see a yearly total since the contract will be going out for bid soon.

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 Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer with the exception of the reimbursement to the former inmate as discussed. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit G.3**

#### **4. Board Attorney**

##### **a. Sheriff's Department – CALEA Accreditation Agreement**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the Sheriff's Department is working toward jail accreditation through CALEA. Mr. Nowak said he has reviewed the agreement and it looks acceptable from a legal standpoint.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said he recommends the agreement for the jail accreditation.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the agreement with CALEA in connection with the Sheriff's Department accreditation. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

##### **b. MS Coordinated Access Network – Agreement with EMS**

##### **c. United Healthcare Insurance Agreement**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said that EMS sent him two agreements with Mississippi Coordinated Access Network and UHCI be reviewed. Mr. Nowak said the MS Coordinated Access Network contract is approximately 36 pages with an appendix and there will need to be several revisions.

Chief Deputy Director Chris Olson said that Medicaid has made a change to how patient fees are processed for high dollar transports. He said if we do not contract with this group, we would not be reimbursed at all for high-risk transports. He said if we go through this group, we would get some amount of reimbursement. Medicaid now has a subsidiary to handle the fees. The subsidiary is Mississippi Coordinated Access Network.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how much Medicaid pays on an overall bill. Mr. Olson estimated 75%. Supervisor Medlin asked how many patients EMS sees per week. Mr. Olson said two to three patients per week, which is a lot.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak Law Firm to review the agreement between DeSoto County Emergency Services and Mississippi Coordinated Access Network and

UNCI and to make any necessary revisions to meet the approval of DeSoto County Emergency Services requirements. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**d. I-69 Agreement with MDOT - Easement Crossings I-55 to Hwy. 305**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak updated the Board regarding the I-69 agreement with MDOT for easement crossings at I-55 to Hwy. 305. Mr. Nowak said he did strike out a couple of revisions and sent the agreement to MDOT for their review. He said he is now waiting to hear from MDOT.

**5. Office of Procurement: Bids Under Advisement – Jail Construction**

Director of Procurement Vanessa Lynchard presented the bid results for the construction of the new DeSoto County Jail as follows:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Bid Price</b>
Flintco Construction	\$13,847,000
Inman Construction	\$14,239,000
Murphy and Sons	\$13,563,900
Panola Construction	\$13,718,000
Smith Doyle Construction	\$14,610,000
W.G. Yates & Sons	\$14,394,000
Zellner Construction	\$14,107,000

Vanessa said they received seven bids on Friday. She said the bids were tight with a 7.71% difference high to low. Vanessa said the bids were accepted and the Jail Committee will meet to review them.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the committee will meet today and qualify the bids according to specifications of the bid requirements. Mr. Garriga said the process is in good shape time wise and they want to ensure that certain procedural steps happen. He said there is a very good chance they will be able to make a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

At the recommendation of the Director of Procurement and County Administrator, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to take the bids under advisement for the construction of the DeSoto County Jail and to take the bids under advisement. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit G.5**

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**I. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Cockrum Civic Center**

Mr. Bill Allen, resident of Cockrum, said he is representing the Cockrum Civic Center. Mr. Allen said they have about 25 people working on various areas of rejuvenating the old school building for use as a community center and they are trying to raise \$200,000. Mr. Allen said Cockrum is growing fast and they are trying to prepare for the influx. He gave the Board members applications for voting rights on the community center and said there is a \$25 fee. He said they are also seeking grant money and many other ways to help raise the money.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked who owns the school building. Mr. Allen said Cockrum Civic Center owns the building. He said the legal work has been done by the attorneys and everything is set up properly and legally.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if they will ask for grants as a historical building. Mr. Allen said yes. The group consists of about 25 people and they are working toward raising funds. Mr. Allen said the building was built in 1926 and is the oldest school in DeSoto County.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Mr. Allen for his work on this project and bringing it to the Board.

## **2. Road Manager's Schedule**

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he would be in Jackson Tuesday and Wednesday for a graduation ceremony.

## **3. Child Day Care**

Sheriff Bill Rasco asked if the Board would consider providing a day care program for county employees only. He said the day care would not be an initiative to make money, but a service to help employees save money.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he is not sure if the county can legally provide that service.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said businesses began providing day care services in the 1980's and 1990's. Mr. Garriga said he would be glad to look into the possibility.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin agreed the Board could look into the possibility. He said it may be possible to work with existing day cares for a county employee discount in addition to looking at the cost of running a day care.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

## **4. I-69 Corridor Study**

Mr. McDougal said he wanted to announce the kick off for the corridor study. He said there would be an open house on Wednesday, June 1, from noon until 6:00 p.m. He said there would be presentations throughout the day for the staff. He said they hope it will better accommodate people's schedules. Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the Board of Supervisors needed to attend the open house. He thanked Chuck Roberts for use of the Desoto County Civic Center.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to recess the meeting until June 6, 2011 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----- ABSENT

Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

THIS the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Tommy Lewis, Vice President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors