

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2008 PRESIDING

October 20, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The October 20, 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 Absent
- 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. CONSENT

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

1. Accounting

a. Travel Advance and Reimbursement

Sheriff's Dept.:

Law Enforcement Training - October 23 & 24, 2008
Motel \$280 Meals \$248

Law Enforcement Training – November 17-19, 2008
Motel \$420 Meals \$279

b. Street Crimes Forfeiture

Case #	Defendant	Date Seized	County Receipt #	Amount	Date of Forfeiture
DCS-0809020069	Tommy Ashley	9/2/08	21044	\$ 291.00	10/16/08
DCS-0809100551	Mark Daves	9/2/08	21094	<u>\$4,263.00</u>	10/16/08
				\$4,554.00	

Transfer from Street Crimes Seized Fund (124-000-139) \$4,554.00

Transfer to Street Crimes forfeiture Fund (125-000-238) \$4,554.00

c. Interfund Loan

From: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$66,500.00
To: Civic Center Tourism Building Fund 384-000-149 \$66,500.00

2. Safety Report

3. Chancery Clerk Allowance (2) - (1.) \$1,600.00 (2.) \$1,500.00

4. Recap of Assessments of Real and Personal Property – Make Part of the Minutes

5. Department of Road Management – School Bus Turnarounds

Cindy Moore 7778 Misty Meadows Dr. Eudora, MS 901-212-7461
Marin Graves 7428 Nail Rd. Walls, MS 901-826-3064

6. Purchasing

- a. Approval to Bid Annual Bids for Dept. of Road Management**
- b. Approval to Bid Pharmacy Products for EMS & Sheriff’s Dept.**

7. Circuit Court Allowance (2) – August - \$1,900.00 September - \$4,200.00

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 D

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Community Development Block Grant Program

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to open the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program. 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

Grants Administrator Joyce Herring said this is the Public Hearing for the final closeout for the CDBG Program for Sigma Supply in case there is anyone who is against it. She introduced Kelly Kuykendall from Jimmy Gouras Urban Planning Consultants, who are the administrators of the grant.

Ms. Kuykendall said that all payouts have been resolved and the Mississippi Development Authority will conduct a monitoring visit. She said that the cost of Sigma Supply was \$5 million and it created 27 jobs and she recommended to move forward with the closeout.

Board President Allen Latimer asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the closeout. No one came forward.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing. 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

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the closeout of the CDBG Grant and to authorize the Board President to sign the paperwork. 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.1

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Stephen Simpson, Ms. Dept. of Public Safety

Public Safety Commissioner Stephen Simpson said he spoke to Board Attorney Tony Nowak and County Administrator Michael Garriga after receiving the letter that the Board of Supervisors authorized sending to the Department of Public Safety in early October. Mr. Simpson said the letter explained a situation at the driver's license office in Olive Branch and that Supervisor Jessie Medlin had received complaints from several citizens trying to obtain licenses. One couple had moved to Olive Branch from Spring, Texas and could not get their license because it was 4:30 p.m. when the office is open until 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Medlin reported that the examiners were "short" with them and there is no other word for it, they are just rude. Other complaints are the long lines and when you get to the examiner, you find out you don't have all the documentation and are turned away. The office closes during lunchtime.

Mr. Simpson introduced Captain Tyrone Lockwood who oversees that office and he thanked Mr. Lockwood for appearing with him before the Board. He said that he appreciated the complaint. Mr. Simpson said he was very concerned about the concerns of the Board. He said the system is outdated and antiquated and it will be a couple of years before it is completely replaced. They will gradually replace it, due to the high cost of the new system. Mr. Simpson said the number of examiners is insufficient and that causes added burden to the staff and causes them to be frustrated. It affects their attitude and money or new computers cannot fix that. He said they are frustrated and some are rude and that is unacceptable in a customer service business. Supervisor Jessie Medlin agreed with Mr. Simpson. Mr. Simpson said the Olive Branch office has been understaffed and overworked and they only make \$23,000 per year. Supervisor Medlin said you do not have to make much money to be nice to people. He said the amount of money you make should not have a bearing on people. Supervisor Medlin said being nice to people is something you don't pay for. You either are, or you are not, and these people pay their salaries. Supervisor Medlin said that the county provides the office space and utilities and Kenny Evans took extra chairs over to them recently. Supervisor Medlin said the county is doing their part. Mr. Simpson agreed and said they are doing more than their part.

Mr. Simpson said the Legislative Committee approved hiring 20 more examiners. He said by the end of the year, citizens will be able to pay by credit card or debit card which should help speed up the process. Supervisor Bill Russell asked which credit cards they will take and Mr. Simpson said all credit cards. Mr. Simpson said, instead of having a different process done at each station, they will add another station and each station will be able to help that person through the entire process down to taking the photo for the license. Mr. Simpson said that they recently took an examiner from Nesbit and placed them in the Olive Branch office so they now have a total of four. They no longer have to close for lunch. They were closing because they were in the process of training two examiners at one time. Supervisor Allen Latimer said there were five in the Nesbit office, so they now have four. That person will go back to Nesbit when the position is filled in Olive Branch. Supervisor Russell asked if citizens still receive a notice in the mail when it is time to renew license. Mr. Simpson said no, but you can go on-line and renew your license and we need to do a better job of educating and publicizing that option. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked why they don't send out a card. Mr. Simpson said it is the license holder's responsibility. He said they are looking into sending cards with the information about renewing on-line. He said we have a private contractor coming in to perform customer service training for all of the examiners and they will follow-up with more training.

Supervisor Medlin said one of the ladies in Olive Branch, who was a very nice lady, told him that there is no one over the examiners in the stations. The supervisors are over seven to nine sites and all of the examiners are equal. Supervisor Medlin said it seems that all of the stations need someone in the station to be over the other examiners. Mr. Simpson said there is a Master Sergeant over a number of stations and may spend two to three days in a station. Supervisor Medlin said he thinks there should be someone over the station everyday.

Mr. Simpson said he asked the Legislature to change the law for driver's license for students. He explained how it might work and said it would alleviate the necessity to periodically bring students to the station. He thinks they should be notified by the school when a student drops out and they can be removed from the list.

Supervisor Thach asked how old a student has to be to get a license. Supervisor Latimer asked if a student drops out of school, does he have to be eighteen years old before he gets a license. Captain Lockwood said yes. Mr. Simpson described the process for obtaining and retaining licenses for students and some of the issues that can be caused by the process.

Mr. Simpson and Supervisor Medlin further discussed the issues at the Olive Branch office.

Supervisor Latimer thanked Mr. Simpson for appearing before the Board to address the complaints. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if we should add a station in Southaven to the wish list. Mr. Simpson said that should help. He said he has ten examiners in the upcoming budget. Mr. Simpson said he appreciated being able to talk to the Board and work through the issues. He said to please call him and he will be happy to discuss and resolve issues.

Supervisor Russell said the Board sent Mr. Simpson a letter and the protocol would have been for him to respond with a letter, but he really appreciated Mr. Simpson and Captain Lockwood making the trip to the Board Meeting. Supervisor Russell asked Mr. Simpson to talk to the schools to see if they could help. Mr. Simpson said he has already had discussions with them and they are interested.

2. GIS Website Presentation

Matt Hanks and Andrew McColgan appeared before the Board of Supervisors and presented a GIS web site they have been working on through the summer and fall. Mr. Hanks said the web site is sleeker and has more features than the old one and can be done through one server. The new program will be a public site and will use the entire screen instead of a small box on the screen. He said the web site will soon be updated and will show

floodplains which will be helpful to realtors and potential homebuyers. Mr. Hanks demonstrated the ease of using the tools and the quality of the aerial images. It will be much faster for the public and they can access by address, parcel, name and he demonstrated that feature and the information that it accesses. He said it lists schools, libraries and lots as well.

Mr. Hanks said this program will also save the county money for the purchase of licenses. Instead of buying licenses for users at \$400 each, only one license will be needed because the web site will be accessed on the internet.

Mr. Hanks demonstrated how to access tax parcels by name. Supervisor Allen Latimer said he did not think that land values should be seen because that is a person's information. Mr. Hanks said the information is public record and what is posted comes directly from the Tax Assessor's office. As to what is disclosed for tax information, that will have to be addressed by the Tax Assessor's office.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the cost of the program. Mr. Hanks said instead of a license for each county computer at \$400 each, there will be only one license. The initial cost is \$20,000 and then \$8,000 next year for the server. Mr. Hanks said the floodplain function will be very beneficial. Supervisor Latimer asked if people have a way to see the floodplain now and Mr. Hanks said no. He said that realtors call them frequently to see if property is in a floodplain because they have no way to identify it. Supervisor Thach said this web site should help cut down on calls. Mr. Hanks said it will be important for EMS because it will show latitude and longitude. Mr. Hanks said his focus is to have a strong county system with the newest technology and keep individuals in the county up to date and trained. He said the formats are the best he has ever seen and they were just released this summer. Mr. Hanks said that he and Mr. McColgan went to a technical conference in San Diego this summer that was extremely informative and very beneficial. Mr. Hanks thanked Mr. McColgan for his work on the program. He said that Mr. McColgan saw the program and ran with it. He also thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing them to attend the conference.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis asked if you could look up a deed with this system. Mr. Hanks said we are working on that. He said they want to be able to click on a parcel and it would take you straight to the deed. Supervisor Russell asked where the system is backed up. Mr. Hanks said there is a server in the county IT Department that is backed up once a week. The county holds backups for Tipton County and we would like to send our backup to them to hold for DeSoto County. Supervisor Russell asked how it is backed up and Mr. Hanks responded a hard drive will physically be sent to be held. Supervisor Russell asked how often it would be sent and Mr. Hanks said about every six months. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if it will identify fire hydrants and water lines. Mr. Hanks said most of the cities already have that identified and EMA may already have it. Supervisor Medlin asked about new subdivisions. Mr. Hanks said he thinks the county is dealing with the water associations. Supervisor Thach said not all cities are on there. EMS Director Bobby Storey said we have been collecting that information and working with the water associations. He said it is a real asset to the Fire Departments.

Mr. Hanks said the current GIS program will be in use for a while until all the kinks are worked out of the new site. He said the site will be named desotocountygis.com. Also it will be accessed through the county web site at desotoms.com and then click on GIS. Mr. Hanks said he will get with the Board Attorney to make sure everything is legal.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Mr. Hanks and Mr. McColgan for an excellent job and presentation. Mr. Hanks and Mr. McColgan expressed their appreciation for the opportunity.

3. Circuit Clerk – Office Space

Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson appeared before the Board to discuss past election numbers as well as the upcoming election. She thanked Matt Hanks for his help with mapping the districts.

Ms. Thompson presented a list of total voters registered and said they have another 200 applications to enter. She said, since the last election on April 20th, they have received 10,925 new voters. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if these numbers were pretty close when we changed the districts. Ms. Thompson said the redistricting was done in 2000. She said they are projecting 5,000 absentee voters and they have emailed ballots to Iraq, England and all over the world. She said the last two Saturdays before the election they are usually swamped and they already have long lines. Ms. Thompson said it is difficult because court is going on and people should be able to vote in privacy, but there is no conference room available. Ms. Thompson said, in the future, voter registration in the court house is too much. She said they are registering at apartment complexes and they must have the last four digits of their social security number, but do not have a Mississippi Driver's License. She explained the tedious job of making sure that first time voters have some kind of identification when they vote. Supervisor Medlin asked if the voter card would serve as identification. Ms. Thompson said the card tells the voter which precinct to vote at and is not considered identification. Supervisor Allen Latimer asked why the last four digits of the social security number. Ms. Thompson said it is Mississippi law. Supervisor Medlin asked if it would help to open three or four locations and have early voting. Ms. Thompson said, at least one site in each district would have to be open and it would require three or four staff in each office. She asked if there is a slight chance of moving the Registrar's office from the court house so the elections can be held in a separate place. The Board discussed the possibility of moving the Registrar's office from the court house. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said there are limitations on the location of the registrar's office. The Board discussed putting this item on the Legislative wish list.

Supervisor Russell asked how they notify people that they need to bring identification when they vote. Ms. Thompson said she has stayed late at work and called the voters to inform them. Supervisor Medlin asked what about those people that are registered in the cities. Ms. Thompson said we do the same thing. Supervisor Russell said it would be a big help to put it in the newspaper. Supervisor Thach asked what kind of identification is accepted. Ms. Thompson said a phone bill, utility bill or proof of residence is acceptable. Supervisor Russell asked Ms. Thompson when it should be ran in the paper. She responded, the Saturday before the election. Supervisor Latimer said running it in the Saturday paper would be good because so many people are home on Saturday and read the paper. Supervisor Medlin said he thought it would be good to put a sample ballot in the paper as well. Ms. Thompson said a sample ballot is on the web site. Mr. Davis asked if the utility bill or other identification is in only one spouse's name. Supervisor Thach asked if the spouse must have their own name on it too. Ms. Thompson said yes, and it is only for first time voters who do not have a driver's license. Supervisor Latimer said that is what the law says; Supervisor Thach said we are following the law. Supervisor Latimer asked how long it takes to get a license and do they have time to get it before the election. Ms. Thompson said they will have time to get a license before the election. Supervisor Latimer said he is concerned about ACORN. Ms. Thompson said she does not think it affects us. Supervisor Latimer said he knows the election is a tremendous burden and responsibility for Ms. Thompson and her staff. He asked if there was any assistance the Board can provide. Ms. Thompson said we have great Election Commissioners and they are working hard and going over and above to get the job done. She said they need help getting a couple of deputies or at least one more. She thanked the Board for choosing the election machines. She said, although the voter lines will be long, other counties without the machines will have longer lines. She said she is concerned with absentee voting in the court house in the future. Supervisor Medlin suggested setting up in the Board Room. She said it is five day a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Medlin said the only conflict would be when there is a Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Latimer said it would have to be approved by the Justice Department. Ms. Thompson said she is also concerned about the elderly. She said the elevator at the court house is old and does not work some of the time. She said she has done five or six elderly or handicapped citizens vote. She said they would have to use the Board Room for 45 days.

Ms. Thompson said that she and her staff have gone the extra mile to see that everyone registered has the chance to vote. No one will be turned away.

Supervisor Latimer said it will slow the lines down if people do not have their identification. Ms. Thompson said they will sign an affidavit and we will process it later. She said they will run the ad in the weekly paper and one on the weekend.

Supervisor Medlin asked that Kenny Evans, Director of Buildings and Grounds, to go to the Fairhaven Precinct and make sure there are enough lights and that they are all working. Ms. Thompson said there may be parking issues with some of the precincts. Supervisor Medlin said it could be bad at Fairhaven too. Supervisor Latimer said the fire department on Tulane may have problems too.

Ms Thompson said, on another note, she knows that the county is adding a County Court Judge and it has already been done. The space to put the judge and the administrator has already been decided and she would like to have been considered in the planning because it will affect her and her staff. County Administrator Michael Garriga said it is not true and he said he would definitely talk to Ms. Thompson about the plans when the process begins.

Ms. Thompson thanked the Board of Supervisors for their time. The Board expressed their appreciation for Ms. Thompson and her staff for their hard work for the upcoming election.

See Exhibit G.3

4. Planning Commission – Request Waiver for Building Permit Fees

Planning Director Jim McDougal said that the Lewisburg School Booster Club is a baseball facility. He said he would like to withdraw the item on the agenda until he receives the paperwork back from them. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if it is for a batting cage. Mr. McDougal said no, it is an indoor facility. He said the booster club is paying for it, but will give it back to the school. Supervisor Medlin asked the last time he talked to them. Mr. McDougal said last week. Supervisor Medlin said he thinks we should go ahead and waive the fees. Supervisor Thach asked if we could approve it without the letter. Supervisor Bill Russell asked if they could have it contingent on receiving the paperwork.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to withdraw the item from the agenda. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

5. EMA – Designate Bobby Storey as Applicant Agent for Gustav Contraflow

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve to designate Bobby Storey as the applicant agent for Gustav Contraflow. 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 G.5

6. Grants – UASI Grant – Single Source Purchase

Grants Administrator Joyce Herring said the UASI grant pays for a work system that is a sole source purchase.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what kind of work system. Deputy Director of EMA Tim Curtis said it is a radio alert system that is in schools and county buildings. Mr. Curtis said the current system is 15 years old and hard to get parts for it. The new system works off of FM transmitters and the receiver is \$50 as opposed to \$400. He said the redundancy is built in and it is an internet based system. It is also available to the public. He said, with a receiver in dispatch, information can be forwarded to whomever. Supervisor Medlin asked if we are replacing all of the radios and Mr. Curtis said no. Supervisor Medlin asked if the grant is 100% and are all of the radios being replaced. Mr. Curtis said the grant will pay the entire amount and we are not replacing all of the radios.

Supervisor Bill Russell clarified that an individual resident can purchase one of these radios and Mr. Curtis said that is correct. The system will give notifications such as amber alerts, evacuation notices, severe weather alerts and other emergency alerts to targeted first responders of private citizens in the state who have the receiver.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the radio for individuals cost less. Mr. Curtis said he didn't know the cost to individuals.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the letter from the State providing justification for the counties requiring a sole source distinction and to approve the sole source purchase from Global Security Systems, LLC for the GSSNet/First Alert System. 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 G.6

7. Accounting

a. Claims Docket

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about the expenditure on page 33 for gas for Animal Control. Comptroller Tom Arnold explained that Melissa Harris in Animal Control was on her way back from a training seminar and had to buy gas for county vehicle.

Supervisor Medlin asked about the water bill for \$55 on page 37. He said it is usually around \$20 and asked if anyone knew why it was so high. Ms. Hanks said that sometimes they do not read the meter and do an estimate, and then make up for it the next month. She said that Kenny Evans has already picked up a copy of the bill and will get with Lewisburg Water Association to discuss the issue.

Supervisor Allen Latimer questioned the bill from TDL Contractors on page 58 for the Tourism Center. He asked if this is part of the money that funnels through the county from the state, Mr. Arnold said yes, and the state will reimburse the county.

Supervisor Latimer asked how the new program card for the prisoner's medical expenditures is working out. County Administrator Michael Garriga said, so far, the logistics and flow is working out well and that Accounting finds it easier to track. Mr. Garriga said that the first quarter of the year, he will do an audit to make sure the program is successful and meeting the county expectations and requirements.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code annotated, 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 Comptroller. 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 G.7.a

b. Horn Lake Creek Interceptor Sewer – Request to Purchase Truck

Comptroller Tom Arnold said that he checked with the truck dealer on a truck for Horn Lake Creek Basin Interceptor Sewer District. The dealer said they cannot purchase through state contract but the county can purchase the truck off state contract and then transfer it to the District. The dealer said they can handle the title work for the truck.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to research to see what options are available to the county to purchase the truck and transfer it to the District. 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

8. Environmental Services – Allied Waste Contract

Jim Bearden of the Environmental Services Division said that the household rate for curbside collection is going up.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the rate for disposal at the landfill should be 4.2%, not 5.8%. He explained the formulated increase and said he will get with Allied Waste to resolve this issue.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

9. Sheriff's Narcotics Division Approval to Change Attorney

Sheriff Bill Rasco said that Board Attorney Tony Nowak knows about this item. Mr. Nowak said that the Narcotics Division is requesting to change lawyers from Attorney Bill Seale to Attorney Paige Williams to represent the Narcotics Division and the fee is minimal. Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the fee is the same. Mr. Nowak said he thought that Ms. Williams' fee is 10% and Mr. Seale's was 5%.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Narcotics Division to hire Attorney Paige Williams to represent the Metro

Narcotics Division regarding forfeitures, and pay her on a fee fixed at 10% the value of the forfeiture 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

Exhibit G.9

10. County Administrator

a. Tax Assessor – Appraisal Services

County Administrator Michael Garriga said that Bill Bryant provides the county with appraisal services. He said that last year’s bid was for a two year contract for \$65,000 per year, but the Board must approve the contract yearly. Supervisor Bill Russell asked if this goes out to bid and Mr.Garriga said yes.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the two year contract which is in line with the bid and make it 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-----ABSENT

See Exhibit G.10.a

b. TVA Agreement

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented a supplemental agreement with TVA. He said that item 7 states that Southaven LLC Power Corp. exercised to have TVA transfer 69% back to them. It will not affect taxes from TVA.

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the third party will own a percentage of the property and lease it back to TVA. TVA will still pay the taxes at the same rate it is required to pay now.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if this is in lieu of taxes. Mr. Nowak said no. Supervisor Medlin said this would be a good time to work on Starlanding Road and could save money for the county.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the agreement with TVA. 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-----ABSENT

c. NRCS Soil Mapping Contract

County Administrator Michael Garriga said he received word that the soil mapping and surveys would be discontinued. Mr. Garriga said three years ago we agreed to pay \$30,000 each year for three years to restructure the soil surveys and mapping and provided office

space to Chris Hatcher, NRCS soil analyst. Mr. Hatcher has already been reassigned to Meridian. Mr. Garriga said NRCS has never invoiced the county. Mr. Garriga said there is a lot of concern about NRCS terminating the project.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said it would be a shame since they are almost finished with the project. Mr. Garriga said the soil and maps have not been done since the 1950's. He would like to have the Board Attorney look into the situation and try and enforce the agreement. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to investigate and, as necessary, write a letter to NRCS regarding the agreement and the legal repercussions of not fulfilling the agreement. 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

d. State Tax Study Report

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented a State Tax Study report to the Board of Supervisors. He said it shows the potential impact of the Governor's recommended tax cut. Mr. Garriga said, while some taxes are being cut, some are made up in other areas, but the county has to be very careful in order to prevent or minimize a net loss.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the Tax Commission discussed more than one item. If it puts us ahead with surrounding states, it may bring more jobs etc. to the county. The overall landscape can change at the end of the day.

Mr. Garriga said new revenue may be diverted back to the cities. He said he thinks the county should develop a position so we will know the impact on DeSoto County.

The Board of Supervisors discussed some of the information on the report and said some of it looks good.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue. **See Exhibit G.10.d**

11. Clock Tower Landscaping

Mr. Garriga said the Hernando Women's Club has worked hard to improve the Hernando town square. The first phase was the town square clock which turned out nicely. He said the second phase is to improve landscaping around the Clock Tower. Mr. Garriga said he has concerns about invasiveness of the landscaping and we will lose one parking space in front of the Court House Square. Another concern is the flow of traffic at Commerce and Highway 51.

Mr. Garriga said the City of Hernando wants their Planners to look at the architect drawing before it is approved and he would like to carry this matter over until the first meeting in November.

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. Household Hazardous Waste Day

Jim Bearden of the Environmental Services Division said that last Saturday was the most successful Household Hazardous Waste Day the county has ever had. Mr. Bearden said it was a long hard day but it was a success. He said we collected more than they ever have and there were cars with trailers and trucks from all of the cities. Mr. Bearden said they collected approximately 27,000 pounds of electronic items that filled two fifty five foot trailers. He said the county will have another hazardous recycling day next October.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said, as we think long term, these events are a huge hit and we need to think about sponsoring more events.

Mr. Bearden thanked the newspapers for doing such a great job advertising the event.

2. Southaven Lady Tigers Contract

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the contract with the Southaven Lady Tigers to use the Lake Cormorant Ball Field. 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 I.2

3. Road Marker – Handy Corner

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that some gentlemen called him a couple of years ago wanting a marker at Centerhill and Goodman Roads. He said that area used to be known as Handy Corner and is still identified as such on the maps. Supervisor Medlin said he talked to them again and they want the county to recognize it as Handy Corner. He asked the gentlemen to send us some kind of letter and asked if anyone was familiar with it. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said he was not familiar with the situation. Road Manager Russell Dorris said he knew of a similar situation.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

4. Delta Council Travel

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve travel on November 6th for Supervisor Eugene Thach to attend Delta Council. 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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting until November 3, 2008, 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-----ABSENT

THIS the 20th day of October 2008, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Allen Latimer, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors