

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BILL RUSSELL, PRESIDENT 2010 PRESIDING**

**October 4, 2010**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The October 4, 2010, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Bill Russell, 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**

Deputy Carl Hurt presented the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES**

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of September, 2010. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for September, 2010 and as presented this date with changes previously submitted pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. 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-----YES

**See Exhibit D**

**E. CONSENT**

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about the health care pool. Supervisor Medlin said the number of claims is down, but our pool is short \$100,000 and asked if all of the payments have been posted for

September. County Administrator Michael Garriga said he will check and get back with the Board.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Garriga said that \$50,000 is payments have not been posted. He said those payments will be posted next month.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

**1. Dept. of Human Resources: Monthly Health Claims**

The following is a recap of all insurance claims funded for the month of September and paid to Humana:			
Funding Request	Date Paid	Amount	Claim Type
Date			
9/1/10	9/1/10	\$75,303.72	Administration Fees
9/7/10	9/8/10	\$38,373.65	Medical
9/7/10	9/8/10	\$4,056.52	Dental
9/7/10	9/8/10	\$13,065.74	Pharmacy
9/13/10	9/14/10	\$46,649.58	Medical
9/13/10	9/14/10	\$3,705.91	Dental
9/13/10	9/14/10	\$23,073.91	Pharmacy
9/20/10	9/21/10	\$55,862.35	Medical
9/20/10	9/21/10	\$4,119.95	Dental
9/20/10	9/21/10	\$14,123.75	Pharmacy
9/27/10	9/28/10	\$54,725.85	Medical
9/27/10	9/28/10	\$6,253.01	Dental
9/27/10	9/28/10	\$11,858.95	Pharmacy
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$351,172.89</b>	

**2. Bailiff Pay (3)**

Liz Medlin-\$285.00                      Shirley Holmes-\$160.00                      Jason Motz-\$55.00

**3. Publication of Board Proceedings**

**4. Accounting**

**a. Quarterly Budget Allocations**

**October 4, 2010**

**QUARTERLY BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**  
**For Quarter Ending December 31, 2010**

**TAX ASSESSOR:**

**Department 103.....\$319,126.75**

**TAX COLLECTOR:**

**Department 104.....\$335,798.25**

**SHERIFF:**

**Department 200 (Sheriff Administration).....\$ 264,440.50**  
**Department 201 (Aviation).....\$ 59,330.00**  
**Department 202 (Patrol/Law Enforcement).....\$2,456,319.50**  
**Department 210 (Highway Safety Grant).....\$ 45,831.25**  
**Department 220 (Custody of Prisoners)..... \$ 1,007,855.00**  
**Department 222 (Prisoners' Medical Expense) \$ 316,795.75**  
**Department 223 (Juvenile Detention).....\$ 258,137.50**  
**Department 225 (Rescue Unit).....\$ 6,840.50**

**TOTAL..... \$4,415,550.00**

**b. Interfund Loan**

From: General County Fund                      001-000-054                      \$411,000.00  
To: 2003 \$9.3 Million refunding Bond      221-000-149                      \$411,000.00

**5. Safety Officer’s Report (1)**

**6. Approve Constable Liz Medlin to Sign Purchase Requisitions**

**7. Department of Road Management**

**a. Road Report and Work Schedule**

**b. Road Bond Report**

**c. School Bus Turnarounds**

Location	Bus #	Owner	Phone
8511 Sandidge Rd.	431	S. Denman	901-491-0994
Frontage Rd. at the end Of Blue Lake Dr. north Of I-69.	268	R. Clemons	662-609-9704

**d. Additions to Official DeSoto County Road Map and Register**

Road	Location	Length	Width
Dean Heights Drive	Dean Road to End	1320 ft	20 ft
Dean Cove North	End to End	1162 ft	20 ft

**e. L & T Road Bond: Extension of Road Bond-Wilson Mill Rd.**

**8. Approve to Expend the Avails of the One Mill Levy**

**9. Animal Services: Accept Restricted Donation from PETCO - \$462.51 for spay & neuter**

**10. Homestead Correction/Deletion - Freeman Montanique, 4604 Boxwood Ln., Horn Lake, MS, 38637, Parcel No. 2081 1114 1.00-Homestead put on incorrect parcel for 2010.**

**11. Chancery Clerk Allowance (1) - \$1,750.00**

**12. Data Systems Management Agreement for Justice Court - Replacement**

**13. Agreement for Use of Polling Place – Nesbit East Precinct**

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-----YES

See Exhibit E

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Office of Procurement: Bids Under Advisement – Janitorial Services**

Vanessa Lynchard said the bids for janitorial services were presented at the last meeting for the Board’s consideration.

Director of Facilities Management Kenny Evans presented a list of the current housekeeping employees and their salaries.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked Mr. Evans if the recommendation is to accept the contract for janitorial services. Mr. Evans said yes.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said at the last meeting there was concern about the bid responses indicating that if the apparent low bid does not work out, it could cost the county more to get another service.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if it has worked okay without replacing the vacant position. Mr. Evans said yes, they have doubled on the work to cover the vacant position.

Supervisor Latimer asked if the vacant position is included, if the savings are an additional \$58,000 to \$59,000 per year. He said there would be a lot of people coming in and out of county offices and we have a lot of items in those offices. Supervisor Latimer said we will lose the security of knowing who is in the building. Our current custodial employees have worked for the county for a good while. He said he is in favor of keeping them since they have been in place for a good while. Supervisor Latimer said it would be a step back in accountability if we have a problem with the vendor. He said based on comments passed on to him, he thinks those concerns are valid.

Supervisor Lewis said he is concerned that if something happens to the contract, the county may end up paying more by going to another company.

Supervisor Latimer asked if the company was not performing up to county standards, what would happen.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said if the Board was not in favor of looking at a cleaning service to do that work, then no bids should have been solicited to do that work. The Board discussed that soliciting bids may have been the only way to know the costs for the service.

Supervisor Medlin said he does not have any problem with cutting costs anywhere, but we are cutting out the lowest paid employees if we use this service. Supervisor Medlin he thinks the departments are saving people's jobs that we know do not have a lot to do in other areas. He said the county is not cutting other areas that we know need to be cut. Supervisor Medlin said he is all for saving money. He said, lately, we have replaced people when those positions did not need to be filled.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to keep the present system of employee custodians in place and remove those positions that currently vacant. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Bill Russell asked Mr. Evans if the contract would affect the workload in Mr. Evans' office. Mr. Evans said he thought it would involve about the same amount of oversight.

Supervisor Lewis said he has seen contracts that do not work out many times and you end up with a contractor you are not satisfied with and have to make other arrangements.

Supervisor Russell said he is not comfortable not supporting this change because of the amount of savings. He said the Board talked about saving money in other departments and he commended Mr. Evans for presenting a way to save taxpayer money. Supervisor Russell said we may look at this again next year.

Supervisor Latimer said he wants to save money for the taxpayers. He said controlling security by keeping the current system is the best idea. **See Exhibit F.1**

## **2. Board of Education: DeSoto, Mustang and Centerhill Roads**

Supervisor Allen Latimer recused himself from discussion on this item and left the Board room.

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he inspected the roads connected to the request of the Board of Education. Mr. Russell said the roads are in good shape. He said the work was done by a reputable firm. However, there are no warranties or guarantees. Mr. Dorris said he thinks the work is okay but they cannot be sure. He said the construction was done and the road was topped. The only thing to review is the surface of the road.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what the county requirements are for contractors who build roads for DeSoto County. Mr. Dorris said the county requires the contractor to post a performance bond but not a maintenance bond, however, the county holds an amount in retainage. Supervisor Lewis asked if the county only holds the retainage for 60 days. Mr. Dorris said you can hold it as long as you would like to. Supervisor Lewis said he would like to treat the Board of Education the same as we treat subdivisions.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the difference is they built the road. The county did not design, build or inspect the road. He said he does not want to accept the road without a bond.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what the Board told the Board of Education when they appeared before the Board. The Board Attorney said he would have to look at the agreement, but he thinks the agreement was only for them to make necessary repairs.

Supervisor Medlin suggested the Board carry this over to find out what is in the paperwork between the county and Board of Education. Supervisor Medlin said his biggest concern is where the county does not have right of way. Mr. Nowak said DeSoto Road still has the issue with right of way.

Mr. Dorris said his recommendation would be to follow the MOU and he thinks that says they post a letter of credit.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold this item over until October 18<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing GO Bond Not to Exceed \$5 Million (No Protest Resolution)**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to open the Public Hearing for the General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$5 million. 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-----YES

Board Attorney Tony Nowak explained the bond is in connection with the energy project contract.

Mr. Nowak asked if the Clerk of the Board had received any responses in writing from the public. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis verified that he had not received any written objections to the notice of intent to issue the bonds.

Supervisor Bill Russell then asked if there was anyone present that wished to object to or protest the issuing of the bonds and there was no one present.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the resolution styled **RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010, OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) ADOPTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010, WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; THAT NO SUFFICIENT PROTEST AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FILED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS.**

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-----YES

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing on the GO Bonds not to exceed \$5 million. 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-----YES

**See Exhibit G.1**

## **2. Series 2010 GO Refunding Bond Not to Exceed \$6.2 Million**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak asked for consideration for the Board of Supervisors to approve resolutions and documents in connection with the 2010 General Obligation Refunding Bond not to exceed \$6.2 million.

The Board of Supervisors asked the amount of the bond. Mr. Nowak said the figure might change slightly but the last figure he received was \$6.2 million.

The Board of Supervisors discussed that this will not change the retirement date, but it will save money for the county.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to adopt the resolution in connection with the 2010 General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$6.2 million 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-----YES

**See Exhibit G.2**

**3. Justice Court: Year End Report**

Justice Court Clerk Shirley Beshears appeared before the Board of Supervisors and presented the year end report for Justice Court. She said it is another record-breaking year for Justice Court. Ms. Beshears said criminal court has increased significantly.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked Ms. Beshears if that is an indication that crime has increased. Ms. Beshears said no. She said most of the activity in criminal cases was traffic tickets.

Sheriff Bill Rasco explained the Sheriff’s Department does not take breaking the law lightly. If someone is breaking the law it is their job to protect the citizens of DeSoto County.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve and accept the Justice Court year end report into the minutes as follows:

Criminal Cases Files	17,306
Civil Cases Filed	6,069
Outstanding Fines-2009/2010	\$68,527.20
97% Collection Rate	

Included in the motion is the Justice Court Report for the month of September as follows:

Criminal Cases Filed	129
Civil Cases Filed	542
Traffic Tickets Filed	1,273
Total Cases Filed	1,944
State Assessments	\$89,196.02
County General Fund	\$116,539.67
Total Collections	\$205,735.69

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-----YES

See Exhibit G.3

**4. Tax Collector: Insolvency List**

Tax Collector Joey Treadway presented the 2009-2010 Insolvency Report which is due to be presented to the Board of Supervisors the first Monday in October in order to comply with Mississippi Code Section 27-49-1 is as follows:

**OCTOBER 4, 2010**  
**2009-2010 INSOLVENCY REPORT**

A REPORT OF INSOLVENT AND DELINQUENT TAXES FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR IS PRESENTED BELOW PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-49-1 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
<b>NET TAXES BILLED</b>		\$21,289,043.09
<b>COUNTY TAXES BILLED</b>	<b>\$15,618,344.03</b>	
<b>CITY TAXES BILLED</b>	<b>\$ 5,670,699.06</b>	
<b>DELINQUENT COUNTY TAXES</b>		<b>\$871,111.95</b>
<b>DELINQUENT CITY TAXES</b>		<b>\$368,252.37</b>
TOTAL DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX		\$1,239,364.32
<b>% OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DELINQUENT</b>	<b>5.821%</b>	

PUBLIC UTILITY TAXES  
**TOTAL TAXES BILLED** \$3,691,801.47  
**TOTAL COLLECTED** \$3,691,801.47 (% DELINQUENT .00)

MOBILE HOMES TAXES  
**NET TAXES BILLED** \$143,803.11  
**DELINQUENT COUNTY TAXES** \$21,347.47  
**DELINQUENT CITY TAXES** \$ 2,565.64  
TOTAL DELINQUENT MOBILE HOME TAXES 16.63% \$23,913.11  
TOTAL REALTY BILLED \$126,788,475.79  
TOTAL REALTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED \$ 744,757.37  
**COUNTY** \$161,524.56  
**CITY** \$54,554.43  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS** \$528,678.38  
% DELINQUENT AD VALOREM TAX .5874 %  
**BANKRUPTCIES** \$178,458.66  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS UNPAID** \$ 528,678.38  
**SOLD TO STATE (Previous Year(s))** \$ 37,448.73  
**SEE ATTACHED LISTING**

(Not included in tax sale)  
Presented this 4th day of October, 2010

JOEY TREADWAY, TAX COLLECTOR DORTHEY SMITH, BOOKKEEPER  
ENCLOSURES: I. LISTING OF DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX \*  
II. LISTING OF DELINQUENT MOBILE HOME TAX\*  
III. LISTING OF REALTY PROPERTY BANKRUPTCIES  
IV. LISTING OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BANKRUPTCIES  
V. LISTING OF UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS  
VI. LISTING OF REALTY SOLD TO STATE

\*PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-41-101 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE-DELINQUENT TAX NOTICES FOR PERSONAL TAX WERE MAILED ON MAY 11, 2010. FINAL NOTICES WERE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSES ON THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ROLL BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2010. NOTICES OF TAX LIENS FOR DELINQUENT AD VALOREM TAXES ON PERSONAL PROPERTY WERE FILED WITH THE DESOTO COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK.

\*ON JUNE 3, 2010 NOTICES OF DELINQUENT MOBILE HOME TAXES WERE SENT BY MAIL TO THE ADDRESSES GIVEN BY THE TAXPAYER. FINAL NOTICES WERE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSES ON THE MOBILE HOME TAX ROLL BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. NOTICES OF TAX LIENS FOR DELINQUENT AD VALOREM TAXES ON MOBILE HOMES WERE FILED WITH THE DESOTO COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK.

Personal Property Taxes - Mr. Treadway said they ran a comparison on personal property taxes and the reason for the increase is that many small businesses have gone out of business.

Public Utilities - Mr. Treadway pointed out that public utility taxes are collected by the state.

Mobile Home Taxes – Mr. Treadway said the amount delinquent in these collections have gone down 6%. He said they found several mobile homes that are no longer there and a couple of mobile home parks have closed.

Real Property – Mr. Treadway said this one percent is items that no one would buy at the tax sale and also includes bankruptcies. Mr. Treadway said those go to the state and the county's portion is approximately \$10,000 in delinquent taxes.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the 2009-2010 Insolvency Report into 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-----YES

See Exhibit G.4

5. Extension Service: Order to Hire 4-H Agents (2)

DeSoto County Agent Joy Anderson appeared before the Board of Supervisors to introduce two new 4-H employees who will run the 4-H Program. Ms. Anderson introduced Amy Zwerschke and Jessica Lindsey. Ms. Anderson said that Jessica Lindsey will handle the livestock program and Amy Zwerschke will handle the horse program. She said the remaining 4-H responsibilities will be shared until Amy and Jessica determine how best to split them.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if the 4-H agents will be involved in the Greenways horse trails. Ms. Anderson said since they are new we will likely explore the possibility of participating in that program. Ms. Anderson said she is already working with Greenway Coordinator Larry Jarrett on other projects and she will involve him in that area.

The Board of Supervisors welcomed Ms. Lindsey and Ms. Zwerschke.

**See Exhibit G.5**

## **6. Circuit Clerk: Designate Office as Election Commission**

Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson said there are concerns about reporting on election night since the Election Commissioners' office has moved to the Gale Center. Ms. Thompson said Mississippi Code Section 23-15-595 says any breach in the ballot boxes fall on the responsibility of the Circuit Clerk. She said Mississippi Code Section 23-15-597 allows the Election Commissioners to work on the ballot boxes the next day. She said now that the Election Commissioners are located in the Gale Center, this creates a problem. Ms. Thompson said, in the past, the Election Commissioners have come to her office the day after the election and done their work. She said, because their office was located in the court house with her office that was not a problem. Ms. Thompson said she called the Jackson County Board to see how they handle the situation with their commissioners being located separately from the Circuit Clerk's office. Their Board passed a resolution to say the Election Commissioners office is an extension of the Circuit Clerk's office. She said, for that reason, she is recommending the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors pass a resolution to say that the DeSoto County Election Commissioners' office is an extension of the Circuit Clerk's office.

Ms. Thompson said she is concerned about the cards that are brought back to the court house. She said the Election Commissioners want the election workers to deliver the results to their office and then they will be brought back to the Circuit Clerk's office. Ms. Thompson said that process will create a delay on election night. She said the Election Commissioners will bring the cards from the Gale Center to the court house. Ms. Thompson said she will need to have a clerk at the Gale Center to check the boxes in and she will still need a clerk at the Election Commissioners' office to record and check the ballot boxes while the Election Commissioners work on the boxes. Ms. Thompson said, because the Election Commissioners work at night, it may be necessary to send a worker to their office in the middle of the night to check the boxes. Ms. Thompson said that storage is also a problem. They are out of space at the court house and we must keep the ballots for two years. She said the Election Commission does a great job and she trusts them. They say there is enough room at the Gale Center to keep the ballots.

Supervisor Bill Russell said it may be good for the Board Attorney to look into the issues and advise the Board.

Ms. Thompson said she still thinks making their office an extension of her office will be the best thing.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the ballots can be counted at the Election Commissioners' office and the results sent electronically to the court house. Ms. Thompson said that would be great if I.T. can do that and it would solve her concerns.

Ms. Thompson said she asked for a quote on modems to place at each precinct, but there is a cost for them. By installing modems at each precinct, results could be sent electronically from the polling places. Ms. Thompson said she is concerned that we do not lose tradition where the results come in at the court house and broadcasted from there.

The Board of Supervisors asked that this item be held over until October 6<sup>th</sup> in order to allow the Board Attorney to advise the Board on the issue.

**7. Accounting**

**a. Claims Docket**

The claims docket was presented by Tom Arnold and Stephanie Hanks of the Accounting Department. Ms. Hanks read the items on the claims docket individually and the Board discussed these items.

Supervisor Allen Latimer questioned the payment to the North Delta Planning and Development District. County Administrator Michael Garriga explained the services that are still provided to the county by North Delta.

Supervisor Latimer asked about the charges to the Convention Center in Tunica. Chief Financial Officer Tom Arnold explained that these charges are refundable on a grant. Supervisor Latimer said the tourism tax is still holding up well.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Allen Latimer 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 and to cover the late bill for the Coroner for training registration for an assistant. 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-----YES

See Exhibit G.7.a

**b. Inventory Dispositions-Preliminary: EMS/Fire/EMA**

Chief Financial Officer Tom Arnold presented one Preliminary Disposition for EMS/Fire/EMA as follows:

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disp	Location at Disp
30447	2FAFP71W4XX232555	1999 Ford Crown Vic	Unable to Repair/Surplus	CM

At the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the above preliminary inventory disposition and authorize it to be sold at auction. 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-----YES

See Exhibit G.7.b

**c. Fixed Assets Inventory -Year Ending September 30, 2010**

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the fixed asset inventory report for year ending September 30, 2010, as follows:

<b>DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS INVENTORY REPORT</b>

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010					
	BALANCE			BALANCE	ACTUAL
CLASS	10/1/09	ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	9/30/10	CHANGE
Mobile equipment	\$16,241,546.09	\$2,230,189.18	\$1,363,911.49	\$17,107,823.78	\$866,277.69
Furniture and Equipment	\$8,602,473.63	\$1,358,009.80	\$520,747.65	\$9,439,735.78	\$837,262.15
Land	\$2,424,895.96			\$2,424,895.96	\$0.00
Buildings	\$42,332,331.45	\$358,995.09	\$160,111.00	\$42,531,215.54	\$198,884.09
Other	\$736,527.58	\$13,117.50		\$749,645.08	\$13,117.50
Construction in Progress	\$5,339,576.19	\$116,655.74	\$4,414,085.50	\$1,042,146.43	(\$4,297,429.76 )
Infrastructure	\$134,261,908.02	\$5,185,555.93		\$139,447,463.95	\$5,185,555.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$209,939,258.92</b>	<b>\$9,262,523.24</b>	<b>\$6,458,855.64</b>	<b>\$212,742,926.52</b>	<b>\$2,803,667.60</b>

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-----YES

See Exhibit G.7.c

### 8. Sheriff's Dept.: Declare 20 Vehicles Surplus and Auction

Sheriff Bill Rasco said requested that 20 vehicles be declared as surplus as follows:

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
32301	2FAHP71W73X168725	2003 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
34663	2FAFP71W64X123848	2004 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
34665	2FAFP71W54X136753	2004 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
36439	2FAFP71W63X206243	2003 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
34680	2FAFP71W43X179883	2003 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
34679	2FAFP71WXX144833	2004 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
36441	2FAFP71W93X206219	2003 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
32293	2FAHP71W23X168731	2003 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
30840	2FAFP71W31X129215	2001 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
34052	2FAFP71W11X153951	2001 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
33598	2FAFP71W12X108297	2002 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
34666	2FAFP71W34X136735	2004 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
33601	2FAFP71W22X108289	2002 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
31297	2FAFP71W82X116476	2002 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
33146	2FAFP71W61X153881	2001 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
34047	2FAFP71W32X108298	2002 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
36443	2FAFP71W53X171176	2003 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
36452	2FAFP71W02X108355	2002 Ford Crown Vic	Surplus	DCSO
38692	1GNEC13R5XR102565	1999 Chevy Tahoe	Surplus	DCSO
30299	2B7HB11X0XK530721	1999 Dodge Van	Surplus	DCSO

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to declare the above vehicles as surplus and to auction 18 of the vehicles. 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-----YES

Sheriff Rasco said the Yalobousha County Sheriff's Department wants to purchase two of the vehicles at an estimated value of \$1,200 per vehicle.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to allow the sale of two of the vehicles to the Yalobousha County Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$1,200 each. 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-----YES

**9. DeSoto Health and Wellness: Local & Private Legislation**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the Health and Wellness Center legislation actually passed through the state legislature for approving the Board of Supervisors to donate up to \$50,000 per year through 2011.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve a donation of \$10,000 to the Health and Wellness Center. 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-----YES

**10. Appoint Supervisor Eugene Thach to I-69/269 Coalition Board of Supervisors**

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he attended a meeting in Memphis last week of the I-269 Coalition. Supervisor Thach said they want to reappoint everyone on the Board. He reported on I-69 progress and pointed out that they are reorganizing because they want to complete the project.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to reappoint Supervisor Eugene Thach to the I-269 Coalition as the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors representative. 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-----YES

**11. Office of Procurement: Bids Under Advisement – Jail Food**

Vanessa Lynchard presented bids for the DeSoto County jail food as described in Exhibit G.11. She explained the totals are based on one month of usage of the average population over the last six months.

Vanessa said that Gordon's Food Service was the apparent low bidder but they could not accommodate the jail delivery schedule which was spelled out in the bid to coincide with the number of staff and cooking schedule at the jail. Vanessa said both Gordon's and Sysco have

been very good vendors for the jail food in the past. She said because Gordon's was unable to deliver during the times specified in the bid the recommendation is to award the bid to Sysco for a six month term with an automatic renewal if Sysco and the county recommend to do so at the end of six months.

Vanessa submitted an analysis of the pricing and the new bid pricing which indicated the overall food pricing for the new bid period is basically unchanged from current pricing. In addition, Vanessa presented the market trends for 2009 compared to 2010 for the Board to consider how the county has fared in their food prices compared to the market trends for those particular items. She presented forecasts for 2010 which shows the consumer price index has returned to a positive annual growth following six consecutive months from September 2009 to February 2010 of annual declines in food prices which has been a first since 1959 and a prediction that in 2011 food prices at home will increase from two to three percent. She said according to those predictions, the bid for the jail food should give very good pricing to the county.

At the recommendation of the Procurement Director and the Sheriff's Department, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the bid for jail food from Sysco as being the best and lowest bid for a six month term with an automatic renewal if Sysco and the county recommend to do so at the end of six months. 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-----YES

**See Exhibit G.11**

**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. Box Culvert-Minerals Wells**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what the issue is with the box culvert at Mineral Wells.

Road Manager Russell Dorris said that is a State Aid BR project. Supervisor Medlin asked Mr. Dorris to contact the City of Olive Branch and ask if they are interested in sharing the cost on that project. Mr. Dorris said he would contact Olive Branch.

**2. District 4 Park Fund**

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a \$500 donation from the District 4 Park Fund to the City of Southaven Parks Department. 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-----YES

**3. DeSoto County Land Trust**

Supervisor Allen Latimer acknowledged Mr. Bill Austin and Mr. Jerry Austin for making a donation to the DeSoto County Land Trust.

#### 4. Redistricting

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked the status of the redistricting in DeSoto County.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said there is not a lot that we can do until the census data is published. Mr. Garriga said public meetings will be scheduled in the fall, maybe November.

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said different jurisdictions are handling the census in different ways in an effort to avoid dual elections and extra costs to taxpayers.

Mr. Garriga said we are looking at an almost impossible situation with exposure and challenges. Mr. Garriga said we are going to try to present alternatives with the least amount of confusion and resistance.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said we need to try to avoid holding two elections if possible. He said we need to avoid a situation that would create confusion and costs for the taxpayers of the county.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if it would be possible to get all of the affected counties in the state together to get a local and private for how to handle this. The Board discussed that some counties are not affected because they do not have as much growth as other counties.

#### 5. Sheriff's Department: Jail Expansion 2010

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said we are set to close on the Harris property for the jail site.

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a resolution that authorizes the Board President or Vice President to sign all closing documents and to allow 60 days post closing for property owner Jamie Harris to remove belongings from the property. 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-----YES

#### 6. Circuit City Bankruptcy

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said claims were filed for the litigation of the Circuit City bankruptcy. Mr. Nowak said the Board previously approved the settlement of \$50,000 and he has the check to present to the Board.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the check for \$50,000 from the Circuit City bankruptcy. 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-----YES

#### 7. Legislative Requests

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked that the limit for cleaning property be increased from \$10,000 to

\$25,000 be added to the legislative requests for the coming year.

## 8. Southaven Election

The Board of Supervisors discussed the Southaven election with Dale Thompson. Ms. Thompson said there seems to be some confusion about where people vote. She said according to the latest information, wards one, two and three will vote at City Hall and wards four, five and six will vote at Snowden Grove.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess the meeting until October 6, 2010, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Bill Russell, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors