

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tommy Lewis, PRESIDENT 2009 PRESIDING

October 5, 2009

A. CALL TO ORDER

The October 5, 2009, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, 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, 2009 pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of September, 2009. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----ABSENT
- 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 Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the reports and actions set forth therein as follows:

1. Accounting

a. Ratify Note Payment

\$5,000,000 Miss Development Bank Promissory Notes

Hancock Bank Ck#048122 issued 9/24/09
 Principal \$ 20,833.33
 Interest \$ 5,986.95
 \$ 26,820.28

b. Interfund Loan

From: General County Fund 001-000-054 \$625,000.00
 To: 2003 9.3 mil. Refunding Bonds I&S 221-000-149 \$625,000.00

c. Quarterly Budget Allocations

QUARTERLY BUDGET ALLOCATIONS
For Quarter Ending December 31, 2009

TAX ASSESSOR:

Department 103.....\$321,693.75

TAX COLLECTOR:

Department 104.....\$334,264.00

SHERIFF:

Department 200 (Sheriff Administration).....\$ 266,033.25
Department 201 (Aviation).....\$ 16,637.50
Department 202 (Patrol/Law Enforcement).....\$2,327,213.00
Department 220 (Custody of Prisoners).....\$1,002,176.00
Department 222 (Prisoners' Medical Expense).\$ 316,815.25
Department 223 (Juvenile Detention).....\$ 253,559.00
Department 225 (Rescue Unit).....\$ 4,394.00
TOTAL.....\$4,186,828.00

d. Year-end Inventory Report

Class	Beginnig Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Actual Change
Mobile Equipment	\$14,921,930.48	\$2,361,932.12	\$1,041,875.51	\$16,241,987.09	\$1,320,056.61
Furniture & Equipment	\$7,873,105.00	\$1,001,669.64	\$272,742.01	\$8,602,032.63	\$728,927.63
Land	\$2,424,895.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,424,895.96	\$0.00
Buildings	\$38,751,344.82	\$3,859,971.83	\$278,985.20	\$42,332,331.45	\$3,580,986.63
Other	\$726,111.28	\$10,416.30	\$0.00	\$736,527.58	\$10,416.30
Leased	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construction	\$11,249,723.20	\$349,100.67	\$6,259,247.68	\$5,339,576.19	-\$5,910,147.01
Infrastructure	\$127,477,592.38	\$6,784,315.64	\$0.00	\$134,261,908.02	\$6,784,315.64
Balance	\$203,424,703.12	\$14,367,406.20	\$7,852,850.40	\$209,939,258.92	\$6,514,555.80
Road Adjustments Reported to Walls			\$523,873.14	Sigma Supply (upgrade to sewer line & parking lot)	
<i>Inventory Changes from FY08 to FY09</i>	Beginning	\$202,923,297.51			
Mobile Equipment		\$0.00			
Leased Property		\$0.00			
CIP	Deducted	-\$35,477.79	Olive Branch Tax Collector Office		
CIP to Complete Projects	Added	\$536,883.40			
Roads		\$0.00			
FY09	Ending	\$203,424,703.12			

2. Dept. of Human Resources

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

Funding Request	Date Paid	Amount	Claim Type
Date			
8/1/09	8/3/09	\$69,431.85	Administration Fees
8/3/09	8/4/09	\$1,277.30	Medical
8/3/09	8/4/09	\$4,138.65	Dental
8/3/09	8/4/09	\$12,066.12	Pharmacy
8/11/09	8/12/09	\$2,567.13	Medical
8/11/09	8/12/09	\$5,626.85	Dental
8/11/09	8/12/09	\$20,753.38	Pharmacy
8/17/09	8/19/09	\$815.73	Medical
8/17/09	8/19/09	\$3,098.94	Dental
8/17/09	8/19/09	\$21,033.46	Pharmacy
8/25/09	8/26/09	\$56,428.35	Medical
8/25/09	8/26/09	\$3,639.75	Dental
8/25/09	8/26/09	\$15,381.12	Pharmacy
	TOTAL	\$216,258.63	

3. Bailiff Pay

Liz Medlin - \$475.00 Lee Hodge - \$120.00

4. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

5. Inventory Dispositions – Final – Sheriff’s Dept.

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary	Disposed of by	Location of Final Disposal
33987	LB3	Strobehead Light Bar	Surplus/Donation	DCSO	DM	Oakland PD
33992	LB3	Strobehead Light Bar	Surplus/Donation	DCSO	DM	Oakland PD
34002	LB3	Strobehead Light Bar	Surplus/Donation	DCSO	DM	Oakland PD
34009	LB3	Strobehead Light Bar	Surplus/Donation	DCSO	DM	Oakland PD

6. Renewal of Certificate of Coverage

7. Department of Road Management

a. Road Report and Work Schedule

b. Road Bond Report

8. Homestead Exemption Deletions (2) – Parcel No. 1078 2700 11.00 - Bonner, Celia Mae
Parcel No. 2082 0301 104.00 – Nolen, Debbie

9. Chancery Clerk Allowance (1) - \$1,766

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----NO
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----ASENT

Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit E

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. MOU with MDOT for I-269 Bridge Expansions (Funding Memo)

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented a memo with options for funding the I-269 bridge expansion at Craft and Red Banks Road. Mr. Garriga said he prepared the memo in response to the Board of Supervisors request for funding information for the projects. Mr. Garriga said there is still some ambiguity around the options because of the length of time before the funding will be needed. Mr. Garriga said he recommends not using existing reserves. He said he thinks the best way to fund this project is through debt service. Mr. Garriga said he does not think using debt is a bad strategy if it is within the county's ability to pay and be managed properly. He said in three or four years when the money comes due, he thinks the Board could look at another bond. Mr. Garriga said he feels comfortable with where the county is financially. He said the county's ability to pay in two to three years, depends on the county's priorities during that time and the decision to fund these projects will depend on the Board's priorities today. Mr. Garriga said there are four additional options for consideration:

- 1.) The Board could increase debt service millage.
- 2.) Moderate growth in debt service revenue at existing millage levels over the next three years could provide for debt issuance.
- 3.) Moderate growth in General Fund revenues would allow for a millage shift to Debt Service.
- 4.) A pre-determined amount of Road and Bridge millage could be shifted into Debt Service at the time of issuance.

The Board discussed moving money from the road budget for funding this project. Supervisor Allen Latimer said DeSoto County has the best roads in the state. He said if we do not need the money in the road budget, that would be fine, but we need to be sure. Supervisor Latimer asked about the increase in the budget this year. The Board discussed growth and the potential for future growth.

Supervisor Latimer said there are obligations for Holly Springs Road and Starlanding Road in addition to the jail. He said he wants to have more of a comfort level with the funding to do these projects.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked the Road Manager for projections on this issue. He asked if there is any projection on the widening of Craft Road.

Road Manager Russell Dorris said there is only section that is not widened on Craft Road. Mr. Dorris said there are some big line items in the road budget and the biggest part is wages and then equipment and then materials. He said we have a good program for pavement. He said the Board would not want to discontinue the equipment program. Mr. Dorris said wages and fringes can be watched closely. He said there are fewer employees in the Road Department now than last year. As people have left, they have not been replaced. Mr. Dorris said he does not think the Board can save money at \$1 million per year in wages. He said he is willing to try to find a place to get some of that money. Mr. Dorris said the Board would not want to cut services. He said the limb pick up is costly.

Supervisor Russell said all of the municipalities charge for limb pick up. He asked if we start charging for limb pick up, what it would do to the budget. Mr. Dorris said we have five limb trucks and they operate everyday. He said the limb program is abused by commercial tree cutters. He said the service could be tweaked and save money.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said if you stop that service, people will dump limbs on other property and dump in ditches, and the Road Department will have to pick them up anyway.

Supervisor Latimer said we could charge for the service with the exception of a state of emergency and then it would be free. Mr. Dorris said it would need to be in a policy. He said he does not think there is \$1 million in discontinuing the limb service.

Supervisor Lewis said some people could compost their limbs and some could pay for limb pick up. He said this is going to be an important decision for the Board of Supervisors. He said the Board needs to decide whether we will move limbs or move traffic.

Supervisor Russell said he thinks Horn Lake does the first pick up free and the additional pick ups are charged to the person. He said the Board has \$16 million in the bond issue for the jail. Supervisor Russell said if we do not set a limit on that money, we will spend the entire \$16 million on the jail. According to what we hear from professionals, we could spend \$25 million on the jail. He said we need to purchase more land than is currently needed because of future needs and growth. Supervisor Russell said we can set a limit to \$14 million for the jail and that would accommodate the needs and plan for the future. He said we are going to do everything for \$16 million as it stands today. He said if we do not build these roads now it will cost much more in the future.

Supervisor Medlin said we need to look at the road budget. He said \$486,000 was budgeted for gasoline and we only spent \$200,000. He said he does not think we need new equipment every year. He said he thinks there are cut backs in the budget in those areas and he thinks there is money in the road budget.

Supervisor Latimer asked the projection for the cost of fuel next year. Mr. Dorris said he does not know. Mr. Dorris said he agrees it looks like some pluses in the fuel budget and that is possible. He said the county can run the equipment longer.

Supervisor Medlin said he thinks the taxpayers would rather the county use the money or give it back to the taxpayer or redirect it to other county needs.

Mr. Garriga said he thinks the magic number would service around a \$10 million bond issue and he wanted to clarify that the Board could use a combination of all of the options recommended in the memo. He said when the money comes due we could probably have the money by that time.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said it could be we do not need to spend \$16 million on the jail.

Supervisor Latimer said the bridges are a bargain. He said some of the issue is that we do not all have the same set of priorities for the county. He said each Board member has a different priority for the money that is available.

Mr. Garriga said that is a very valid point. He said we do not have unlimited resources that we had before the down turn of the economy.

Supervisor Lewis said he thinks each Board member has their own different set of tracks. This almost became an urgent priority because of MDOT's schedule and that is one of the problems.

Supervisor Russell said he needs to be able to know the \$4 million will be there without raising taxes when it comes due. He said the Board did not give raises to the county employees this year.

Mr. Dorris said, any money that we do not spend in the road budget, we can put into debt service since these are road and bridge projects. Mr. Dorris said we are uncertain of things in the road budget like we are in the general fund budget. He said the road budget paid the last bond until the county found a way to pay back debt service. Mr. Garriga agreed that the road budget did shoulder some of the debt service in the past. Mr. Dorris said the projects that were in that bond were road projects. Mr. Dorris said he will search diligently to help with this project.

Supervisor Russell asked if the jail committee needs to meet to discuss the budget. Mr. Garriga said he does not think the needs of the jail will absorb all the money we borrowed with the bond issue.

Supervisor Lewis currently we are spending approximately \$300,000 per year on a \$5 million debt.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to carry this item over until Wednesday so the road department can determine the level they can participate in this project and for the County Administrator to find out the bond payment per million on debt service up to \$4 million. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.1

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Justice Court Clerk – Year End Report

Justice Court Clerk Shirley Beshears presented the year end report as follows:

DESOTO COUNTY JUSTICE COURT
 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR END REPORT

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>COUNTY MONEY</u>
October 2008	\$141,805.69	\$ 91,604.69
November 2008	\$166,652.12	\$106,894.48
December 2008	\$129,153.44	\$ 79,766.12
January 2009	\$111,369.46	\$ 73,500.46
February 2009	\$201,417.11	\$129,373.30
March 2009	\$170,362.52	\$105,314.87
April 2009	\$161,035.37	\$ 99,328.09
May 2009	\$153,002.96	\$ 95,156.21
June 2009	\$168,172.58	\$105,339.36
July 2009	\$142,448.17	\$ 90,520.17
August 2009	\$166,872.46	\$103,454.83
September 2009	\$164,242.11	\$102,844.61
TOTALS:	\$1,876,533.99	\$1,183,097.19

Criminal Cases Filed: 13,547
 Civil Cases Filed: 5,260
 Outstanding Fines 2007-2008: \$54,475.37
 97% Collection Rate

Ms. Beshears pointed out the total collected for 2008-2009 fiscal year was \$1,876,533.99 and the total county money was \$1,183,097.19.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he noticed that cases were up but not as much in money. Ms. Beshears said the county money did increase about \$55,000.

September, 2009 Report:

Report for September 2009:

Criminal Cases Filed – 112	State Assessments -	\$ 61,397.50
Civil Cases Filed – 542	County General Fund -	\$102,844.61
Traffic Tickets Filed – 1,215	Total Collections -	\$164,242.11
Total Cases Filed – 1,839		

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Reports as fully described in Exhibit G.1.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.1

2. Inventory Dispositions - Preliminary

Inventory Clerk Amy Henley asked the Board’s consideration for approving the preliminary dispositions as well as an additional disposition for EMS as follows:

a. Chancery Court Clerk

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
33835	02651	Sage sys press washer	Broken	Outside Kennel
34878	63602308 USM	Sage press washer	Broken	Mechanical Room
38181	14811243LN	Wood Freezer	Broken top	Outside kennel

35662	CNOU493146 63343	Dell Monitor	Broken	Chancery Records Room
34826	SMXL6250Z5 V	HP Compaq PC	Broken	Chancery Records Room
30857	1983BAA200 20829	KDS Monitor	Obsolete	CH Outside Storage Room
30545	71811103595	Micron Monitor	Obsolete	CH Outside Storage Room

b. DeSoto County Animal Control

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
33835	02651	Sage sys press washer	Broken	Outside Kennel
34878	63602308 USM	Sage press washer	Broken	Mechanical Room
38181	14811243LN	Wood Freezer	Broken top	Outside kennel

c. EMS/Fire/EMA/SAR

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
36797	H056G2284	Zoll charger	Trade in	EMS
36761	T05E76072	M Defib	Trade in	EMS
36754	T05E760673	M Defib	Trade in	EMS
36760	T05E70679	M. Defib	Trade in	EMS
36798	HO5G22049	Zoll charger	Trade in	EMS
36796	H05F21933	Zoll Charger	Trade in	EMS
31239	60800360	Kenwood Mobile	Broken/parts only	EMA
33329	50300119	Kenwood TK760HGK Radio	Broken/parts only	EMA
33823	337993	Sony Video Camcorder	Broken/parts only	EMA

d. IT Dept.

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
211	152445	Lanier Transcriber	Broken	IT Dept
8092	8822827	IBM Terminal	Broken	IT Dept
8200	2347138	IBM Terminal	Broken	IT Dept
30259	236C7566	IBM Terminal	Broken	IT Dept
30305	23A5079	IBM Terminal	Broken	IT Dept
30672	SGG94K130332	HP Printer	Broken	IT Dept
30792	H5K00292B000076	Umax Scanner	Broken	IT Dept
31263	2716934	Multitech Router	Broken	IT Dept
31323	0026026652	Gateway PC	Broken	IT Dept
31768	CN15HCFT600148	Samsung Monitor	Broken	IT Dept
32580	23B030203357	Viewsonic Monitor	Broken	IT Dept
33412	723LP31	Dell PC	Broken	IT Dept
33514	00408C64B9E2	Axis Network Camera	Broken	IT Dept
35566	CAF19E0A43700065	Neovo Monitor	Broken	IT Dept
730037	S102NH2M	AS/400	Trade In	IT Dept
730045	10E6A0H	UPS	Broken	IT Dept
6148	100234	Decision Terminal	Broken	IT Dept
30131	2387498	IBM Terminal	Broken	IT Dept

e. Sheriff's Dept.

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
34064	3BRLT51	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
39356	PSV520601474 2043E12701	Acer PC	Broken	DCSO
36426	N/A	Computer Server	Broken	DCSO
32678	8VW6111	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
39208	TWO9E249466 352201037	Dell Monitor	Broken	DCSO
36386	908842046844	Dymo Label	Broken	DCSO
38412	KCXHG74604 529	Kodak Camera	Broken	DCSO
34885	CN63XD607P	HP Camera	Broken	DCSO
8131	604ATW0191	Spectra Radio	Broken	DCSO
8109	604ATW0169	Spectra Radio	Broken	DCSO
8127	604ATW0187	Spectra Radio	Broken	DCSO
8125	604ATW0185	Spectra Radio	Broken	DCSO
8116	604ATW0176	Spectra Radio	Broken	DCSO
33256	99L637220131 300109TAA20 1	Benq Monitor	Broken	DCSO
34226	24RLG21	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
36429	CNU5311J4J	HP Laptop	Broken	DCSO
34235	74RLG21	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
34228	CNK171N2BF	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO
32663	XADM58265	Canon Printer	Broken	DCSO
32948	456621	Sony Camera	Broken	DCSO
33563	CNFB383238	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO
32739	MY16BB11HB	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO
33562	CNFB383219	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO
31010	866SXP6891	Motorola Radio	Broken	DCSO
38603	6228213262	Canon Camera	Broken	DCSO
32037	866DPB0008	Motorola Radio	Broken	DCSO
30294	866FYQ4950	Motorola Radio	Broken	DCSO
30960	22378-1	Fujitsu Scanner	Broken	DCSO
33127	211D4067096	Okidata Printer	Broken	DCSO
34683	CNB1P02597	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO
31388	516462	Fujitsu Scanner	Broken	DCSO
6197	4161063666	Epson Printer	Broken	DCSO
31014	866FYW3482	Motorola Radio	Broken	DCSO
33935	8527525056	Canon Camera	Broken	DCSO
33566	D5D481	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
32722	CVW6111	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
32683	2QW6111	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
32711	28BDC11	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
32691	3SW6111	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
32677	8MW611	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
32717	30BPC11	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
32695	COW6111	Dell PC	Broken	DCSO
31000	0022913702	Gateway PC	Broken	DCSO
31077	0024024388	Gateway PC	Broken	DCSO

32728	TW04E641128 001B61193	Dell Laptop	Broken	DCSO
32729	TW04E641128 001B62034	Dell Laptop	Broken	DCSO
32731	TW04H459129 612590123	Dell Laptop	Broken	DCSO
36351	OV108815	EpcO Oven	Broken	Kenny Evans
36869	CH2532	Clarke Buffer	Broken	Kenny Evans
33606	721CEN0395	Motorola Radio	Lost	See Attached A
34674	2FAFP71W33 X194469	Crown Vic.	Wrecked/ Parts Only	Central Maint.
38868	4F4YR12C6W TM39286	Mazda Truck	Return to original lien holder	Narcotics
32930	SCNBB088599	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO

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

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

See Exhibit H.2

3. Accounting

a. Budget Amendments

Comptroller Tom Arnold said there were no budgets amendments for approval on this docket.

b. Claims Docket

Accounting Clerk Stephanie Hanks presented the items on the claims docket in accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code annotated.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if the Board needs to receive reports from Impact Missions regarding where the money is spent since the County contributes toward their budget. County Administrator Michael Garriga said he told David Donaldson that the Board needs an audit report and he is sure Mr. Donaldson will submit it in the near future.

Supervisor Latimer asked about the money allocated for TVA. Mr. Arnold said is their fee in lieu of taxes money.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell 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-----ABSENT
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES
Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit H.3

4. Grants

a. Accept Homeland Security Grant Program Award (S7HS017T)

Grants Administrator Joyce Herring said that Homeland Security sent \$5,900 toward training for the K-9 Search and Rescue Unit. Ms. Herring this money will pay the expenses for training.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve accepting the Homeland Security Award (S7HS017T) in the amount of \$5,900 with no match, for training for the K-9 Search and Rescue Unit. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.4.a

b. Application for PSIC Grant - EMA – Resolution and Interlocal Agreement

Grants Administrator Joyce Herring said that EMS Director Bobby Storey sent a letter to the State of Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission to see if DeSoto County qualified for a PSIC Grant for EMA. She said there is a 20% match and it requires interlocal agreements with the cities. Ms. Herring said the purpose of the grant is to allow communications across the state and covers many jurisdictions. She said that DeSoto County will be the lead agency, but each city will receive one radio.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the cities participate in the grant match. County Administrator Michael Garriga said he thinks it would be appropriate to ask the cities to participate. Mr. Storey said he thinks we should ask the cities to participate financially.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to hold this item over until Wednesday, October 7th. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.4.b

c. EMA – Contract to Hold Class with Special Rescue Intl.

Grants Administrator Joyce Herring said there is an opportunity to hold swift water rescue operation training with Special Rescue International. She said this will train EMA how to handle such issues.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve swift water training for EMA with Special Rescue International. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.4.c

5. County Administrator

a. Youth Court – Contract Employee Agreement

County Administrator Michael Garriga said that Judge Wilson asked him to present this agreement to the Board of Supervisors. This agreement is for Vickie Patton to do clerical work in Youth Services. Mr. Garriga said the previous contract expired and Judge Wilson asked that we continue work under a new contract. He said this contract allows for payment of \$10 per hour, up to 320 hours.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked if the money is in the budget and Mr. Garriga said yes.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve a contract with Vickie Patton for clerical and general assistance services in the Youth Court. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.5.a

b. Extension Service – Contribution Toward County Director’s Salary

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the County contributes a portion of the salary for the Extension Service Director’s salary in the amount of \$24,644.76. Mr. Garriga said this is a new board order for the new director.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he knows that Ms. Anderson just took over this position but there have been issues in the past that some citizens are not being served by the Extension Service. Supervisor Latimer said he would like to know what is being done to resolve that issue.

Extension Service Director Joy Anderson said the issue is being addressed.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the agreement with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service to contribute \$24,644.76 toward the Extension Service Director’s salary. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.5.b

c. Jail Committee Report: Architectural Services

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented architectural proposals for the Board’s review. Mr. Garriga said he is requesting the Board’s feedback and direction on the committee selecting a proposal. Mr. Garriga said the committee has reviewed all of the proposals and completed oral interviews. He said the committee has narrowed the group to three proposals for qualifications. Mr. Garriga asked if the Board wants the committee to make a recommendation or if they want to interview and make a selection as a Board.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the Board wants the committee to make a recommendation or does the Board want the finalist to appear before the Board and the Board make the decision. He said, in his opinion, the committee has done so much background work, that for the finalists to appear before the Board would lengthen the process. He said if the Board wants to make the recommendation, it would be fine with the committee. But if the Board wants the committee to make the recommendation, they are in a good position to do so.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked Supervisor Russell how long it might lengthen the process. Supervisor Russell and Mr. Garriga said it would probably lengthen the process by at least 30 days.

Supervisor Latimer said he agreed that it is time to put this to bed. Supervisor Latimer said he knows the committee has spent a lot of hours on the issue. There is no way the Board can get the knowledge the committee has gotten in just one meeting with the finalists. Supervisor Latimer said he would rely more on the committee's recommendation but he does want the voters to have a chance to see and hear the issues involved in the selection. He said he does not want to lengthen the process, but winter is approaching, and it may be a good time for the Board to review.

Supervisor Russell said all of the applicants were qualified and any of them are very capable. He said we need more information on their intent for building the jail and a long range plan.

Supervisor Medlin asked if the applicants are local. Mr. Garriga said two are regional and one will have to fly in for the interview. Supervisor Medlin asked how soon construction can begin. Supervisor Russell said the study will take a while. Mr. Garriga estimated about eight to twelve months before the start of construction.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thinks the entire Board should hear the proposals. He said if he was not on the jail committee, he would want more information. He said it also gives the taxpayers an opportunity to know more about the process.

Supervisor Latimer said maybe the Board should wait until Wednesday to make a decision when Supervisor Thach is available to give his input.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to hold this item over until Wednesday, October 7th. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

6. Dept. of Road Management

a. County Engineer – Encore Development (Walls)

County Engineer Andy Swims said there is a bonding issue with a subdivision development that is under construction. The subdivision is located in the Town of Walls and was owned by Reeves Williams before they sold it to NBV-RW LLC and the bond is due October 15th. He said the new owners want to build houses, but not take care of the roads. Mr. Swims said the thinks Walls will support the County in discontinuing the issue of building permits if the owner does not repair the roads.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how much money it would take to fix the roads. Mr. Swims said less than what is in the bond.

Supervisor Russell said this is a City of Walls issue. If the city chooses to pull the bond, then he would tell them they should maintain the roads. Supervisor Russell said he does not think the County should maintain the roads if the city acts outside of the County guidelines. He said we should let Walls know that the County will not maintain the roads if they do not renew the bond.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how many lots are in the subdivision. Mr. Swims replied there are 70 lots. Supervisor Medlin asked if there are houses built yet. Mr. Swims said yes, two houses of the 70 in this section have been built.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said if we do not use all of the bond money on the roads, we will have to refund it. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said that is correct.

Mr. Swims asked if the owners will not renew the bond and Walls wants to accept the roads, what responsibility will the County have regarding the roads. Supervisor Russell suggested that the County not maintain the roads under our agreement because we expect the roads to have problems if they are not handled according to County policy.

Supervisor Latimer said it seems easy to say it is fine if they do not want to renew the bond. If they do renew the bond it will be renewed to the Town of Walls.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hold this item over until Wednesday, October 7th. 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

b. Emerald Estates

Road Manager Russell said he has received \$93,000 from BancorpSouth/White Development Corporation in release of the bond on Emerald Estates. Mr. Dorris said we will begin the asphalt process to bring the roads up to County standards. The estimate for this work presented by Lehman Roberts is \$120,669.32. Mr. Dorris suggested holding this item over until Wednesday to allow him to determine the best option to do the work.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Road Manager to determine the lowest and best bidder to do the work on Emerald Estates and to accept the roads into County maintenance and add them to the County road register. 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 asked if all of the legalities are in order with this. Board Attorney Tony Nowak said since you have received the roads, it should be fine.

7. Purchasing – Bids Under Advisement- Upgrade Identix Fingerprint Machine

Vanessa Lynchard presented the one bid received to upgrade the existing Identix Fingerprint Machine in the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department. Vanessa recommended Identix Incorporated to handle this upgrade.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if all of the legal work has been done and Vanessa said yes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the bid with Identix Incorporated as follows:

Equipment: Upgrade Existing Identix Fingerprint System Bid File Number: 10-200-002

Bid Date: October 2, 2009 Bid Time: 2:00 p.m.

BIDDER: Identix Incorporated

TP-4800UPG PACKAGE \$12,350.00

TP-HWOX-4800INSERT \$935.00

TP-CSTX-MSPALM	\$1000.00
TP-COMX-AFIX	\$170.00
TP-IAT-CUSTOM	\$1020.00
Total Bid Price:	\$15,475.00

Discount allowed for surrender of replaced legacy deck as trade-in.

NONE: Surrender of legacy deck is required as part of this upgrade.

DELIVERY TIME: 30 Days

RECOMMENDATION: Sheriff Rasco recommends accepting this bid.

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

8. Tax Collector – Insolvency Report

In accordance with Mississippi Section 27-49-1, DeSoto County Tax Collector Joey Treadway presented the insolvent and delinquent taxpayers list to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Treadway reported that personal property values increased but the uncollected taxes increased as well. Mr. Treadway said the Tax Collector’s office is still collecting these taxes. He said a lot of that is people who have moved and businesses that have closed. He suggested the Board look at the bankruptcies. Mr. Treadway said we have claims for taxes on every bankruptcy. He said this report does not mean that the Tax Collector’s office will not collect most of these taxes. Many times people are leaving mobile homes on rented lots because the homes are not re-saleable, nor are they livable.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if the County Inspectors should be looking at those issues. Mr. Treadway said he does not know the answer to that question.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the 2008-2009 Insolvency Report as presented by the Tax Collector in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 27-49-1 and as detailed in Exhibit G.8. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.8

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. Computer Classes

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said that the employees in his office participated in the computer training at the Extension Service office. Mr. Davis said his employees were very complimentary of the instructor and the opportunity to attend the training.

2. Chancery Clerk – Recap of Assessments Real and Personal of DeSoto County - 2009

In accordance with Mississippi Code Section 27-35-111, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Recap of Assessment Rolls on the Real and Personal Property a make 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 I.1

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to recess the meeting until October 7, 2009, 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-----YES

THIS the 5th day of October, 2009, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors