

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BILL RUSSELL, PRESIDENT 2010 PRESIDING**

**September 7, 2010**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The September 7, 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 AUGUST MINUTES**

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of August, 2010. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for August, 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 Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis 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 August and paid to Humana:			
Funding Request	Date Paid	Amount	Claim Type
8/1/09	8/2/10	\$77,207.51	Administration Fees
8/2/10	8/3/10	\$59,356.94	Medical
8/2/10	8/3/10	\$5,448.47	Dental
8/2/10	8/3/10	\$15,011.58	Pharmacy
8/9/10	8/11/10	\$45,130.34	Medical
8/9/10	8/11/10	\$13,983.35	Dental
8/9/10	8/11/10	\$12,677.74	Pharmacy
8/16/10	8/17/10	\$39,387.41	Medical
8/16/10	8/17/10	\$5,159.25	Dental
8/16/10	8/17/10	\$15,157.75	Pharmacy
8/23/10	8/24/10	\$71,263.93	Medical
8/23/10	8/24/10	\$3,601.40	Dental
8/23/10	8/24/10	\$13,107.78	Pharmacy
8/30/10	8/31/10	\$60,701.42	Medical
8/30/10	8/31/10	\$4,438.00	Dental
8/30/10	8/31/10	\$12,654.41	Pharmacy
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$454,287.28</b>	

**2. Justice Court Report**

Criminal Cases Filed – 185	State Assessments -	\$96,337.50
Civil Cases Filed – 587	County General Fund -	\$127,495.67
Traffic Tickets Filed – 1,473	Total Collections -	\$223,833.17
Total Cases Filed – 2,245		

**3. Bailiff Pay (3)**

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

**4. Publication of Board Proceedings**

**5. Accounting**

**a. Interfund Loan**

From: General County Fund	(001-000-054)	\$25,000.00
To: Hazard Mitigation Grant	(170-000-149)	\$25,000.00

**b. Budget Amendments-Detailed in Exhibit E**

**6. Constable Annual Financial Report: Kenneth Lee Hodge, Jr.**

**7. Department of Road Management**

**a. Road Report and Work Schedule**

**b. Road Bond Report**

**c. Equipment Needs:** Advertise for Bids for Lease/Purchase w/guaranteed buy back on the following equipment-One or more 17 yard Tandem Truck

**8. Chancery Clerk Allowance (2)-\$1,400.00    \$1,816.66**

**9. Inventory Dispositions-Final-IT**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
31318	MY1AK1S08W	HP INKJET PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
34125	MY3BD42QJ	HP 5650 PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
33413		DELL 15" LCD	BROKEN	I.T.
30740	USGR200672	HP LASER PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
39952	MY95L24179	HP DESKJET PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
30201	USFB3177734	HP LASER PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
31080	2527185	LEXMARK OPTRA	BROKEN	I.T.
06077	23A8747	IBM TERMINAL	OBSOLETE	I.T.
06065	238A738	IBM TERMINAL	OBSOLETE	I.T.
06272	23A5376	IBM TERMINAL	OBSOLETE	I.T.
06151	217818	DDC TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
35713	UZM074134	CANON SCANNER	BROKEN	I.T.
32585	890591G	LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
31286	17458AB39805 829	KDS MONITOR	BROKEN	I.T.
06293	112F285	LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
06225	22334	IBM PC	BROKEN	I.T.
31456	9N37163	LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
35668	0174C3170020 52	SMART MONITOR	BROKEN	I.T.
31401	7138TD006487	RADIUS MONITOR	BROKEN	I.T.
730053	2347166	IBM TERMINAL	OBSOLETE	I.T.
31253	CN15HCFT211 423	SAMSUNG MONITOR	BROKEN	I.T.
31441	39050	LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
30426	0014137001	GATEWAY PC	BROKEN	I.T.
30858	27647340001	MICRON PC	BROKEN	I.T.
37062	106273565	SYSTEMAX PC	BROKEN	I.T.
31061	29299850001	MICRON PC	BROKEN	I.T.
36505	GK4P971	DELL PC	BROKEN	I.T.
32646	TL719A326003 144	GATEWAY MONITOR	BROKEN	I.T.
31083	0024392532	GATEWAY PC	BROKEN	I.T.
37082	20186340406C 4112	ACER MONITOR	BROKEN	I.T.
30483	USF0010643	HP PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
32627	USU3320LKD	HP PC	BROKEN	I.T.
33505	35100282LSR0 2	AOPEN PC	BROKEN	I.T.
40131	MY97CK11N	HP PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
35808	SMXL5330M7 R	HP PC	BROKEN	I.T.
32630	USU3320LTC	HP PC	BROKEN	I.T.
31438	4586K11	DELL PC	BROKEN	I.T.
33424	0032564820	GATEWAY PC	BROKEN	I.T.
35704	12140434483	SERVER	BROKEN	I.T.
35585	62011784	SERVER	BROKEN	I.T.
30451		SERVER	BROKEN	I.T.
31342	J486K11	DELL PC	BROKEN	I.T.
31337	H67FF11	DELL PC	BROKEN	I.T.
31341	H486K11	DELL PC	BROKEN	I.T.
31793	DS54C2750245 3	NETGEAR HUB	BROKEN	I.T.
30862	27911850001	MICRON PC	BROKEN	I.T.
37029	106222298	SYSTEMAX PC	BROKEN	I.T.
30798	D02334508	TRIPPLITE UPS	BROKEN	I.T.
31471	7269861	MULTITECH MODEM	BROKEN	I.T.
35556	SG31K290TX	HP DESKJET	BROKEN	I.T.
36700	5GTYA54030	PANASONIC NOTEBOOK	BROKEN	I.T.
36701	5GTYA53081	PANASONIC NOTEBOOK	BROKEN	I.T.
34744	01203729944	MOTOROLA CELL PHONE	BROKEN	I.T.
34419	545704329767	MOTOROLA CELL PHONE	BROKEN	I.T.
34420	04207484370	AUDIOVOX CELL PHONE	BROKEN	I.T.
31378	147779	SONY DIGITAL CAMERA	BROKEN	I.T.
37033	AE61051252B0	OKIDATA PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
32192	108B2906741	OKIDATA PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
31269	9N23286	LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
36987		LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
31440	9N39107	LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
31290	78GZF92	IBM SERVER	BROKEN	I.T.

730046	42G0280	MODEM	BROKEN	I.T.
32138	10W2711	IBM TAPE DRIVE	BROKEN	I.T.
31786	12717161	JVC TV	BROKEN	I.T.
30062	2348191	IBM TERMINAL	OBSOLETE	I.T.
30168	88CR420	IBM TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
6112	013868	DDC TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
6105	013881	DDC TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
6089	23KWB43	IBM MONITOR	BROKEN	I.T.
36697	V1332540	SERVER	BROKEN	I.T.
35669	12300434991	SERVER	BROKEN	I.T.
6003	53828	DDC TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
6251	8808669	IBM TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
730059	23K5685	IBM TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
6292	23L3621	IBM TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
6142	35021	IBM PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
6017	4130597	IBM PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
730038	2306445	IBM HUB	BROKEN	I.T.
30097	1186K11	DELL PC	BROKEN	I.T.
8173	2348373	IBM TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
730056	23G3016	IBM TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
8091	23ARLMD	IBM PC	BROKEN	I.T.
32139	TH10032548	BAYSTACK HUB	OBSOLETE	I.T.
33074		IBM HUB	OBSOLETE	I.T.
33517	BTHSM41	DELL PC	BROKEN	I.T.
37110	BS1825900002 1	DLINK FIREWALL	BROKEN	I.T.
37150	BS1J16700001 6	DLINK FIREWALL	BROKEN	I.T.
37079	2764635	MULTITECH VOIP	BROKEN	I.T.
36710	BS1824700004 1	DLINK FIREWALL	BROKEN	I.T.
35183	GS57347DA00 0235	NETGEAR SWITCH	BROKEN	I.T.
36671	DR9915300033 9	DLINK SWITCH	OBSOLETE	I.T.
36711	46694489	DLINK SWITCH	OBSOLETE	I.T.
36712	000FB5FB6F5 A	NETGEAR SWITCH	OBSOLETE	I.T.
8335	23B7324	IBM TERMINAL	OBSOLETE	I.T.
33498	2704100	MUTITECH DSU	BROKEN	I.T.
30916	2709915	MULTITECH ROUTER	BROKEN	I.T.
35676	544601300RH1 4	ACER MONITOR	BROKEN	I.T.
31264	2716930	MULTITECH ROUTER	BROKEN	I.T.
31837	2725206	MULTITECH ROUTER	BROKEN	I.T.
33504	4100065EH108 9BB	LINKSYS HUB	BROKEN	I.T.
35178	GM73347DB00 0442	NETGEAR SWITCH	OBSOLETE	I.T.
30474	PEB004574	SHIVA	OBSOLETE	I.T.
30428	0014921863	GATEWAY PC	BROKEN	I.T.
36502	8K4P971	DELL PC	BROKEN	I.T.
31466	0025666431	GATEWAY PC	BROKEN	I.T.
37091	163304C7C270 3	ACER PC	BROKEN	I.T.
6286	23K5528	IBM TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
730066	8845490	IBM TERMINAL	BROKEN	I.T.
31291	9N19265	LEXMARK PRINTER	BROKEN	I.T.
31290	78GZF92	IBM SERVER	BROKEN	I.T.
35558	730544304	HOWARD DESKTOP	BROKEN	I.T.

**10. Software Agreement Renewals: IT Department**

**a. Data Systems Management-Justice Court**

**b. Delta Computer Maintenance Support**

**(1.) BOS (2.) Circuit Court**

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. Synthetic Marijuana**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the State Legislators passed a bill to add synthetic drugs to the list of controlled substances throughout the State of Mississippi. Mr. Nowak said there has been so much concern from some of the counties and municipalities they have already passed local ordinances. He said now this legislation is law and it will take effect October 1, 2010. Mr. Nowak clarified that the state law will pre-empt the county ordinance when the state law becomes effective. He also clarified that the county ordinance became effective September 1, 2010, and it will be the county’s tool for enforcement between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Public Hearing-FY 2011 Budget Hearing**

County Administrator Michael Garriga said during the budget workshop held by the Board of Supervisors, a few items were left in debate. Those items were as follows:

- 1.) Mississippi State Experimental funding \$24,000
- 2.) DeSoto County Economic Development Council \$50,000
- 3.) Region IV-Transportation \$50,000

4.) Youth Court Victims Witness Grant  
Mr. Garriga said the Youth Court Victims Witness Grant came up recently when the youth court and county judges became aware that this grant may not be funded by the state.

5.) Salaries and Compensation for County Employees

Mr. Garriga said these are the items that need to be addressed by the Board.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to open the Public Hearing for discussion of the FY 2011 budget. 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

Mr. Garriga explained the Mississippi State Experimental Station requested that the county continue funding in the amount of \$24,000 annually for their program. Mr. Garriga said since the Board previous discussion on this matter, he has re-established the funding in the budget at \$24,000 pending the Board’s final approval. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Mr. Garriga knows what other counties do for the Experimental Station. Mr. Garriga said he is not aware of funding provided by other counties. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said he would think the Delta counties would provide funding. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he does not have a problem of providing some funding, but the Board may need to look at this and other non-essential allocations. Supervisor Medlin said \$24,000 is a lot of money.

President and CEO of DeSoto County Economic Development Council Jim Flanagan and Chairman of the Economic Council Board of Directors Simon Weir appeared before the Board to discuss additional funding for the DeSoto Council. Mr. Flanagan said the county has given the same allocation to the Economic Council since the year 2000. He said they are currently working between 25 and 28 projects and this will be a record breaking year for the DeSoto County Economic Development Council. Mr. Weir said they estimate contributions to be

down for the next several years due to the economy. Mr. Flanagan said their expenses have increased. He said their expenses have been relatively flat, but salaries and insurance have increased. Mr. Flanagan said their department probably has one of the smallest staff of any economic council staff in the state. Supervisor Thach asked if Mr. Flanagan is providing a raise for his employees this year and if so, how much is the increase. Mr. Flanagan said yes, between three and four percent. Supervisor Thach said the Board is facing the fact that county employees experienced a loss in wages because PERS contributions increased. Supervisor Medlin looked at the information presented by Mr. Flanagan.

Supervisor Medlin said it was his understanding that the county gave extra funding when we sponsor the Legislators. Mr. Flanagan said that is correct. He said that funding is shown in the governmental affairs sponsorship. Supervisor Thach said the Board of Supervisors has one of the tightest budgets than in recent years. Supervisor Russell asked Mr. Flanagan if he has approached the cities for an increase. Mr. Flanagan said the cities contribution is based on a formula for population. He said they will be asking the cities for an increase next year when the new census figures come out. Mr. Russell asked Mr. Flanagan how much the salary increase will cost this budget. Mr. Flanagan said probably between \$5,000 and \$7,000. Supervisor Latimer said the work of the Economic Council provides jobs to the citizens of the county. He said he looks at this as seed money. Supervisor Latimer said we have a good place to live, a good education system etc. in DeSoto County. He said he hopes the Board can keep that in mind when determining the funding for the Economic Council. He said it will be difficult to see Mr. Flanagan give his employees a larger raise than the county gives to county employees. Supervisor Russell asked the employees of the Economic Council received raises last year. Mr. Flanagan said yes, between three and four percent. Supervisor Russell said he is going to ask Mr. Flanagan to maintain the same increase as county employees will receive.

#### Desoto County Greenways

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he thought that the \$150,000 investment for Greenways was for seed money. Supervisor Medlin said it sounds like the county has been giving \$150,000 to the Greenway Program every year. He asked if the program needs that much money every year.

Greenways Coordinator Larry Jarrett said they have leveraged using that money to build the trails at Arkabutla, construction of the visitor's center trail and carried over funds to use in anticipation of using them as matching funds for a larger project. Mr Jarrett said, in addition, they are carrying over \$150,000 for construction for trails at Johnson's Creek. He said it covers contractual costs. He said, with the construction costs, they will draw down most of the money they have saved on the trails to use as a match for five to six million dollars in federal funding.

Supervisor Medlin asked Mr. Jarrett how much money is left in the bank. Mr. Jarrett said there is \$180,000 in the bank and they will use most of that as a match for the federal funding. He said if we get the levee funding we can easily spend additional money on that project. Mr. Jarrett said the Greenways Program applied for a grant two weeks ago at a twenty percent match. He said they will use the budgeted money to match that grant if the application is successful.

#### Region IV

Mr. Charlie Spearman with Region IV Mental Health said they currently have 71 employees working full time. He said 69 of those employees are from DeSoto County and they brought two employees to help start up the program in DeSoto County. Mr. Spearman said they already located in most of the schools and they are opening new cases daily and adding new staff. Mr. Spearman said they are very glad to be in DeSoto County.

Mr. Spearman said he had a conversation with Mr. Garriga concerning transportation for mental health patients. He said it is has always been Region IV's philosophy to provide s transportation for mental health patients. Mr. Spearman said prior to coming to DeSoto County, they were the only ones providing transportation to the people they serve. He said they are very fortunate to provide transportation in the other areas and they would like to offer that service to DeSoto County as well. He said they have five new vans. He said four of the vans are 15 passenger vans and one van is a 7 passenger van on order. Mr. Spearman said

initially they need the financial request of \$50,000 to help start the transportation program. He said Region IV spent a lot of money starting up the mental health facilities in DeSoto County. They could not have done that without the support from the Board. Mr. Spearman said the building renovations are very nice and they are thankful for their facilities provided by the county.

Mr. Spearman said the transportation program will have six routes. He said, as the Board knows, people with mental illnesses often cannot drive or do not have transportation. Mr. Spearman said they need \$50,000 which is one-time money. He assured the Board that it will take all five of the vans to run the program. Recently, they met with Three Rivers. He said five vehicles will not cover the entire county. Mr. Spearman said they will contract with a 5311 provider for these services. He said they get 5310 funding. The federal government pays 80% of their vehicles under the 5310 program. He said 5311 is for a public transportation program. Mr. Spearman said setting up a 5311 program may be beneficial to the county. He said will take a year or so to make that work if the Board decides to move forward.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked what happens if the county does not move forward with public transportation. Mr. Spearman said they will continue to operate the five vans they have purchased. He said it would be easier with a transportation program. Mr. Spearman said they hope to have three programs in the county located in Southaven, Olive Branch and Hernando. Supervisor Russell said a lot of the people that are in these mental centers would now be housed in the jail. There have been no writs issued in the past two weeks.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said Region IV has been a real blessing to the DeSoto County Jail. Sheriff Rasco said they respond to jail calls 24/7. No one wants their family member to be in jail because they are off of their medications.

Supervisor Medlin verified that the \$50,000 for Region IV has nothing to do with elderly and handicapped. Mr. Spearman said that is correct. Supervisor Medlin said what he does not want to happen, is for the elderly and handicapped people to fall through the cracks. He said he does not want to see that program stopped. Mr. Spearman said he can assure the Board that will not happen. He said he thinks the program can be greatly expanded for the money they already use.

Supervisor Latimer asked what will happen if the county cannot find the \$50,000. Mr. Spearman said Region IV does not have a choice. They must provide transportation to the participants. It will be harder but they will do whatever is necessary to run the program and it cannot be run without the transportation piece. He said they may delay other aspects of the program.

#### Youth Court Victim Witness Budget

County Court Judge Allen Couch and County Court Judge Celeste Wilson appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the Youth Court Victim Witness budget. Judge Couch said there are a number of staff positions in programs through County Court and many of those survive on state funding. Judge Couch said in the Youth Court support fund, 15% of a \$69,000 allocation was cut. He said the drug court program is entirely funded by the grant and if the state cuts that funding, they will try to make do with they have. He said they will do their best to absorb that. Judge Couch said the position that brings them before the Board today is the Youth Court Victim Witness Coordinator. He said this position is an essential part of what Youth Court does. He said the "Mississippi Crime Victims' Bill of Rights" mandates certain things that must be done. The assistance provided by the Youth Court Victim Witness Coordinator is one of those things.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the state makes any cuts, will they take effect in July of next year. Judge Couch said no. They will take effect now. Supervisor Medlin asked if the state is cutting something that has already been approved. Judge Couch said yes. Judge Wilson said we will not find out the final word on whether the state will fund the position until the end of September. She said they have received this grant for nine years because the duties of the

Youth Court Victim Witness Coordinator position were mandated by the state at that time. She said it is an 80/20 grant.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the state passes these laws and funds them for a period of time and then they cut the funding and that moves the mandate to the counties.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak to the Board about the County budget. No one came forward.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2010 budget. 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 Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adopt a 1.75% raise for county employees. The motion failed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Russell said he did not vote for the motion because he thinks the employees deserve a 3% raise.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve a 2.2% salary increase for county employees. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Russell said he thinks employees deserve a 3% increase and if the Board can do it without a tax increase, it should be done.

Supervisor Medlin said the Board needs to allow employees who make under a certain amount of money, should receive a larger percentage increase than employees who make over a certain amount in order to shore up inequities in disparities in salaries.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve budget allocations as follows:

- 1.) DeSoto Council \$25,000
- 2.) Experimental Station \$20,000
- 3.) Transportation Program Region IV \$50,000

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-----YES

**See Exhibit G.1**

**2. 2010 GO Bonds for Energy Performance Project (\$5 Million)**

**a. Engagement Resolution**

County Financial Consultant Demery Grubbs appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding the 2010 GO Bonds for the Energy Performance Project in an amount not to exceed \$5 million. Mr. Grubbs presented an Engagement Resolution for the Board’s consideration and said this will retain Government Consultants and Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC as bond counsel and Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak LLP as the County’s counsel.

Supervisor Bill Russell said there was a good article in the newspaper about the energy performance project, but it failed to say the savings were guaranteed by Siemens Industries.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the engagement resolution for the 2010 GO Bonds for Energy Performance in an amount 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

**b. Intent Resolution**

At the recommendation of the Financial Consultant and Board Attorney, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the intent resolution for the 2010 GO Bonds for Energy Performance. 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. 2010 GO Bonds Refunding (2003 MS Development Bank \$9.3 Million)**

**a. Engagement Resolution**

DeSoto County Financial Consultant Demery Grubbs presented an engagement resolution hiring Government Consultants and Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC to approve the 2010 Refunding Bonds from the 2003 MS Development Bank \$9.3 million issue. He said the refunding they are looking at now will save approximately \$50,000 per year after all costs. Mr. Grubbs said the original maturity date will not be exceeded.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Engagement Resolution retaining Government Consultants and Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC as bond counsel and Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak LLC as County’s counsel for the 2010 Bond Refunding from the 2003 MS Development Bank \$9.3 million bond. 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.a

**b. Sales Parameter Resolution**

**Exhibit A-Form of Bond Purchase Agreement**  
**Exhibit B-Form of Preliminary Official Statement**  
**Exhibit C-Certificate of County**

At the recommendation of the Board Attorney and the County Financial Advisor, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a Sales Parameter Resolution, a bond purchase agreement, a preliminary official statement and a certificate of county for the 2010 GO Bond Refunding for the 2003 MS Development Bank \$9.3 million issue. 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.b**

**4. Tax Advisory: Fiskars Brands, Inc.**

President and CEO of DeSoto County Economic Development Council Jim Flanagan introduced representatives from Fiskars Brands, Inc., who were seeking a Free Port tax exemption.

Keith Schreiber of Fiskars thanked the Board of Supervisors for seeing him in behalf of Fiskars. Mr. Schreiber said he is the operations manager at the facility on Stateline Road. Mr. Schreiber presented an overview of the company as detailed in Exhibit G.4. Mr. Schreiber said they are relocating two facilities from Wisconsin to DeSoto County. He explained the history of Fiskars Brands, Inc. He said the company is 360 years old and originally from Finland.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked Mr. Schreiber where they will manufacture the products. Mr. Schreiber said they are now manufactured at the facilities in Wisconsin, but will be moving to DeSoto County.

Supervisor Allen Latimer thanked Mr. Schreiber for moving their company to DeSoto County and said he appreciated their attempts to hire locally.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and super Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve a Free Port tax exemption for Fiskars Brands, Inc., as fully described in Exhibit G.4. 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. Stormwater Awareness Week**

This item was carried over.

**6. Inventory Dispositions-Preliminary**

Inventory Clerk Amy Henley present preliminary inventory dispositions for the Road Department and Sheriff's Department as follows:

**a. Road Management**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Disposed of by	Location of Final Disposal
35889	IM2ATO4C07 M002925	Touchprint Scan System	Returned for Upgrade	FR	Identix Incorp

**b. Sheriff's Dept.**

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
32679	2SW6111	Dell Optiplex	Broken	DCSO
32709	890NY5G	Lexmark Printer	Broken	DCSO
34613	2426207344	Canon Camera	Broken	DCSO
35004	CN675J621H	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO
38480	PSV5406004812093 1C2701	Acer PC	Broken	DCSO
33262	CNGGC23472	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO
36931	PSP300600861901C F2701	Acer PC	Broken	DCSO
33570	FGH74FYJP6W3FB RX	Intel Pentium PC	Broken	DCSO
38724	PSV530Z00783201C 422702	Acer PC	Broken	DCSO
38408	PSV54060047490B5 22701	Acer PC	Broken	DCSO
36290	2UA52604HR	HP PC	Broken	DCSO
36291	JCCF1402546	Princeton Monitor	Broken	DCSO
36295	JCCF2000919	Princeton Monitor	Broken	DCSO
36296	2UA5280C2W	HP PC	Broken	DCSO
36837	2UA5520FNS	HP PC	Broken	DCSO
38847	MX08R33947605325 AK0Z	Dell Monitor	Broken	DCSO
33571	CN438G4098	HP Printer	Broken	DCSO

At the recommendation of the inventory clerk, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the preliminary inventory dispositions as presented by the inventory clerk. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

**See Exhibit G.6**

**7. Accounting: 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 Eugene Thach asked about the expenditure on Railroad Avenue. Mr. Arnold explained that it is for the rubbish pit in Olive Branch.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the payment for E-911 was for the new building. Mr. Arnold said E-911 will reimburse the county for the payment.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin questioned the expenditure for medical on page 68. Mr. Arnold

explained that is a one time payment. Supervisor Medlin asked if the county refunded them and Mr. Arnold said no. They pay the hospitals and clinics.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he noticed on page 5 there was a negative amount for an individual for the self-funded health insurance. He asked if that meant the county insurance was in the negative. Mr. Arnold said no. The individual left the county and this amount was refunded to the individual.

Supervisor Latimer asked for clarification on page 68 a prisoner medical claim. Mr. Arnold said it was for an old bill. Supervisor Latimer asked if the county got the discount. Mr. Arnold said probably not since the bill is so old. Sheriff Bill Rasco confirmed that this expenditure was before the county was part of the discount program.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller 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**

## **8. DeSoto County Family Health and Fitness Day Update**

Gia Matheny and Char McCool of County Administrative Services appeared before the Board of Supervisors to give an update on the Family Health and Fitness Day being held in DeSoto County on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Gia said they are working on advertising the event and the radio station 95-Rebel has agreed to advertise the event. Gia said she has also contacted the Health and Fitness Magazine and the DeSoto County Times-Tribune and they will advertise as well. She also contacted the Hernando Parks and Recreation.

Vanessa said Char has put created a spreadsheet which includes participants such as businesses, churches, cities and anyone else who signs up to participate in the event. She said there is a booth for Senior Citizens for healthy cooking and eating and dancing and other events. Gia said that event is for everyone including youth. The YMCA is participating as is Stars in Motion in Southaven. Gia said they are talking to the Subway shops, Curves, the cities of Olive Branch and Horn Lake and many others. She contacted the Senior Citizens Building in Olive Branch but they cannot get funding to participate. Vanessa said they are working on getting more activities in Olive Branch and also the libraries. Gia said there is a wheelchair race at Latimer Lakes sponsored by Ms. Adaptive Sports. Those are just a few of the activities that have completed the paperwork to participate. As we sign up more activities, they will be added to the spreadsheet and county web site.

Supervisor Bill Russell said the spreadsheet is a lot to advertise. He asked if it is possible to get a full page ad in the newspaper to list all the activities. Vanessa said they would love to. As they receive more participants, they will be added to the list. A complete list will give the newspapers something to publish. The DeSoto Appeal has already published the event.

Supervisor Medlin asked if Olive Branch Parks have been contacted. Gia said she talked to Will McNeer but the park was already in use that day and they were unable to participate.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said this is the same group that coordinated the WWII event and they did an outstanding job on it and it was a lot of hard work.

Vanessa thanked the Board for allowing the county to do this event. She said there are a lot of other activities that will be held that day.

**9. Animal Shelter: Request for Reduced Fees for Adoptions**

Gia Matheny said one of the events they would like to have for the Family Health and Fitness Day is for anyone 60 years of age or older and disabled people to adopt a pet from the DeSoto County Animal Shelter at no cost. The cost for everyone else that day will be \$10.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how much does it usually cost to adopt a pet. Vanessa Lynchard said \$25. Supervisor Medlin asked if it could be no cost to anyone who adopts a pet that day. Vanessa said it can be but the pet program would lose some money. Supervisor Medlin asked the cost of micro-chipping and the shots. Vanessa explained that the micro-chip is \$20 and the shot is \$20. Supervisor Medlin said he would like to see all adoptions free for that day.

Supervisor Bill Russell said if it affects the budget, the Board can increase the allotment.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said his concern is if someone gets a pet at no cost, the Animal Control will end up picking it up again. Vanessa said in the past when the fee was \$10, they did not experience having to pick up the same animal again. She most people who adopt animals are pretty good at not abandoning the pet.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve all pet adoptions at the DeSoto County Animal Shelter on Family Health and Fitness day, September 25<sup>th</sup>, be at no cost to the public. 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. Coroner: Unclaimed Body**

Vanessa Lynchard explained that the Coroner is still seeking information on this unclaimed body therefore this item should be carried over.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to hold this item over to a later date. 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. Tax Assessor: Application of Certificate**

Vanessa Lynchard said the contract for the county appraiser for the Tax Assessor’s office was approved last year. She said Bill Bryant got a two year approval, but the certificate still needs to be sent in yearly to the Tax Commission.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve sending the application of certificate for the Tax Assessor’s office. 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

**12. Board Attorney: Renasant Bank Indemnity Agreement**

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said Renasant Bank is looking for a bond they issued for a lost letter of credit. Mr. Nowak said the bond was supposedly sent to county several years ago and cannot be found. He said they sent in a hold harmless agreement regarding this lost letter of credit but he told the bank the Board cannot be held harmless according to state law. They still want the agreement in their files. Mr. Nowak said there is no prohibition against the Board signing the document, but it could not be upheld.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said this road is now outside the county and in the City of Hernando. Road Manager Russell Dorris said the new bond should be issued to the City of Hernando.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the hold harmless agreement to the extent it is permissible under law and authorize the Board President to sign 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-----YES

**13. Dept. of Road Management: Subdivisions: Ranch Meadows Phase D-Bond**

This item was carried over to a September 20, 2010.

**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. Accounting**

**a. Late Bill-County Coroner-Request for Assistant Coroner Training Fees**

Comptroller Tom Arnold presented a request by Coroner Jeffrey Pounders for assistant coroner registration fees in the amount of \$450 for a five week training course. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there is money in the budget to cover the training costs. Mr. Arnold said yes.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the late bill s as presented by the Comptroller for registration fees in the amount of \$450 for a five week training course. 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. Budget Amendment: 2008 UASI Grant**

Mr. Arnold also presented a budget amendment for the purchase of a dog from the UASI grant

and other capital outlays in a total of \$18,500.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment for the purchase of a dog from the UASI grant and other capital outlays in a total of \$18,500. 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**

**2. Recycle Referendum**

Supervisor Bill Russell asked County Administrator Michael Garriga about putting a referendum for recycle services in the county on the next election. Mr. Garriga said he talked to Dale Thompson and it has to be on there no later than September 18<sup>th</sup> which is 60 days before voting begins for absentee voters. The election is the first Tuesday in November so we do not have enough time for the upcoming election. Mr. Garriga said he and Ms. Thompson also discussed whether only the voters in the unincorporated county can vote on the referendum, and if that can be done.

Supervisor Russell said he would like to look into having the referendum for the 2011 election. He would like to know the additional costs for extra ballots. Mr. Garriga said they did not talk too much about the expense, but there is time to look into all the details prior to the 2011 election.

**3. City of Horn Lake: Weather Siren Warning**

Supervisor Bill Russell said he received a call from someone living close to Nail Road in Horn Lake who could not hear the weather siren warning. No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to recess the meeting until September 8, 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-----YES

THIS the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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