

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT THREE BILL RUSSELL, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

September 1, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER

The September 1, 2015 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 opened the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear all business before the Board of Supervisors. The following officials were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	District 1
Supervisor Mark Gardner	District 2
Supervisor Bill Russell	District 3
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Michael Lee	District 5
Sheriff Bill Rasco	Sheriff
W. E. Sluggo Davis	Chancery Clerk
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator
Tony Nowak	Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Mark Gardner presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CITIZEN REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if there was anyone present in the audience who wished to address the Board regarding an item.

1. Rory Rearden - Landfill

Mr. Rearden, Springbrook Cove, Olive Branch, expressed concerns about the Board’s approval of the Star Landing landfill. He asked that Board appoint a committee to talk about the landfill before the minutes are approved. He had many concerns regarding the landfill. Supervisor Bill Russell stated that the concerns Mr. Rearden had all related back to DEQ and that the Board has no jurisdiction over what they do. Supervisor Mark Gardner informed Mr. Rearden that the landfill had complied with all the stipulations that this Board had set forth. It was also noted that DEQ will be having a Public Hearing. The Board does not have that information at this time.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if there was anyone who wished to add or delete items to the Agenda.

1. County Administrator Vanessa Lynchard requested adding the following items to the Agenda.

a. Road Management – Finding of Fact Rocky Top Cove

Road Manager Andy Swims brought a finding of fact on Rocky Top Cove in Forest Hill Subdivision off Center Hill Road. This is a curb and gutter subdivision. The exhibit shows that the inlet is sinking. This has been repaired in the past by trying to patch the box. Water has now gone into the crack and made a void under the curb which is making it sink. When the curb was dug up there were also issues there. The finding is that the inlet and box need to be replaced, along with curbs and

private driveways will need repair at two locations as they create a public safety hazard. Mr. Swims requested approval repair these issues at an approximate cost of \$2,000.00.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Road Department to complete the necessary repairs in Rocky Top Cove based on the finding of fact there is a public health and safety concern, as reported by Road Manager Andy Swims.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit E.1.a.

b. EMS – On Call Program

EMS Director Fiodor Baraniuck presented a plan to change the structure for on-call employees at EMS. The need for this arises if a medic has an emergency and must miss work. This puts an ambulance out of service until someone can be found to completely staff it. The proposal calls for on-call medics to be paid for 4 hours to be on call at \$14.00 per hour. If they work 4 hours, they get base pay; if they work 8 hours, they get 4 hours base pay and 4 hours overtime pay. He allows the employee 2 hours to report to work after receiving their call. County Administrator Vanessa Lynchard stated that there is money in the budget to pay these employees.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the EMS Department’s request to adopt the on call policy, as described by EMS Director Fiodor Baraniuck, as a six month pilot program.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

Sheriff Bill Rasco stated that he had gotten a call from the Fire Department to not call for an ambulance on minor wrecks. Director Baraniuck stated that EMS wants to give medical attention to anyone who requires it. Supervisor Lee Caldwell suggested that we follow protocol. Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested a meeting with the Sheriff, EMA staff and Emergency Services Committee.

See Exhibit E.1.b.

c. Executive Session – Personnel EMS

This item was determined to qualify for executive session.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Michael Lee seconded the motion to approve the Agenda with the additions and deletions set forth above.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

H. NEW BUSINESS

8. Budget FY2016

County Administrator Vanessa Lynchard proceeded to take the Board through department line items of the budget report. Items that were addressed by the Board are as follows:

Page 150. Left from reimbursement for city prisoners. The revenue line is Page 3, line 321. Sheriff Rasco stated the cost per prisoner is \$49.76. We charge the cities \$35 per prisoner.

Page 152. Solid Waste. Mrs. Lynchard stated that expenses are going up and revenues are not keeping up with expenses. The contractor fee increase has helped some, but Mrs. Lynchard recommends taking .0115 mills from debt services that are overfunded and move to solid waste. After some discussion about alternatives, the Board agreed that seemed to be a good solution.

Recycling. Line 336. Costs were more than what was generated. Line 270 – Can apply for e-waste grant in October, Ray Laughter says it is unlikely we will get it.

Page 153. Hazardous Waste Day. A grant covers most of that.

Page 157. Volunteer Fire Fund. The fire departments are happy with this.

Page 161. Motor Vehicle Registration is the fifty cents from car tags that will be funding raises. There will come a time when this does not cover those raises, and it will have to come from the general fund. Mr. Treadway moved monies around and did not add to his budget.

Page 164. Postage Account is money transferred to fund postage. Electronic transfers come out of the fund as needed

Page 165. Postage Box Rent and Courier. Rent on postage machine. Mrs. Lynchard recommended not dropping it past \$125,000.00. This money is not used if not needed, but it does need a cushion.

Page 167. This cannot be controlled.

Page 170. Money comes from an outside source, we approve the spending and it will be almost depleted this year. This is a little uncomfortable because they have never spent it all before. \$40,000.00 was spent for EMS

Page 171. Delta Trauma Care Fund. This is unpredictable. It is extra funding for the Sheriff's Dept. Supervisor Caldwell asked when forfeitures stopped going into the general fund. Sheriff Rasco stated that it was in 2001 or 2002 when Metro started. The state mandates that it can only be spent on equipment and training.

Page 177. Seized funds. Nothing to do with that.

Page 180. DEQ Air Quality. We must spend this or lose it. We are looking to see if anything in Facilities can be upgraded. Supervisor Medlin asked if it could be spent on trees for the parks. Mrs. Lynchard said she would look into that.

Page 203. Corps of Engineers Feasibility study. Supervisor Caldwell said we need to start putting some money in there.

Page 219. Juvenile Court House Arrest. This is money that came in from ankle bracelets from youth court. Supervisor Gardner recommended to leave it there.

Page 221. Stormwater Advisory. That's what it takes to manage it.

Page 224. State Aid Road Funds. We are going to start putting in projects by definition to be able to track them.

Page 227. Debt Service. In all the bond accounts there are pretty healthy cash balances that are built up. We could use it to pay off debts early. CFO Andrea Freeze has looked at all of these and cleaned them up. She also has made an excellent spreadsheet on the bonds to show what they all are.

Page 259. I69 Corridor study money should not be needed in the future. There are grants to pay for it.

Page 261. I69 Corridor money is not correct. That should have been in #156 Star Landing Rd. Corridor project. It has been changed.

Page 262. Volunteer Fire Department. Supervisor Caldwell noted that this year Love Fire Department is up for help. There was discussion regarding what was needed at Love and how much to allocate. It was agreed that \$125,000.00 would be a good start.

Page 264. Facilities Plan for Chancery Land Records. Supervisors Gardner & Lee are overseeing this project. The numbers are going to change throughout while overall number will stay the same.

Page 268. Parking lot was not part of the original plan. We bought 3 acres from bank for this.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell and Supervisor Michael Lee met with MDOT to discuss the McIngvale Extension and I-269 Extension north of Green T Road. MDOT wants to put an exit at McIngvale. The only way MDOT will put in this exit is to get a commitment from City of Hernando and DeSoto County to go in on this so they can start property acquisitions. The total on this project is projected to be between 8 and 10 million dollars. We need our part of the money by 2017, so we feel we need to budget beginning now. Our part of this would be 10% or one million dollars. Supervisor Lee stated

that the time frame for opening is 2018 but MDOT needs the commitment now. County Administrator Vanessa Lynchard stated that Road budget and Bridge Fund budget can both be used for this.

Supervisor Michael Lee made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to move \$1,000,000.00 (One million dollars) out of the road and bridge fund and put it toward the McIngvale Project to tie into the I-269 Project.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>NO</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

The board continued with budget line discussion.

Page 269. Facilities. Cameras at the old jail may not be done but will make up for shortfalls in other areas.

Page 271. Facilities. Money left there will be needed for shortfalls on other projects.

Page 272. Facilities, DHS. Work will be done in-house & will save money.

Page 274. Johnson Creek has been depleted to pay past due bills to Wagonner Engineering. We are looking at a better system for tracking Greenway Projects so this does not happen again.

Page 280. Extra used for shortfalls.

Page 281. IT. We started adding money for software some years back. Recommend adding \$50,000.00 from ending cash.

Page 282. Line 380-240 ambulance money is left over to be used to outfit ambulances. \$320,000.00 anticipated.

Page 283. Fairhaven money to repay in accounts receivable. The last payment is due in September so this will go away. We need to think about having a groundbreaking there.

Page 284. This was spent on Walls Library. The Board approved it.

Page 285. Soladigm Project. City of Olive Branch paid \$136,000.00 plus right of way, legal and ICA. We paid \$165,000.00. Supervisor Medlin said he would like to see some numbers on the employees hired and where they live. Mrs. Lynchard stated if right of way was paid from the Road Dept., they need to be reimbursed.

Page 287. Line 324 Retiree Insurance increased because 2 former employees joined it.

Page 288. Medical claims and prescription prices are going up. We are still in the black on health insurance, but losing money on dental and vision. This showed a \$10,000.00 increase.

Page 290. Andrea Freeze identified 2 subdivision bonds; Dogwood Hollow, \$23,000.00 and McElroy, \$9,000.00. The other \$5,000.00 could not be found to identify.

Page 292. Liability Insurance Trust revenue account, no expenses.

This concluded the budget line examination. Mrs. Lynchard reminded the Board that a Public Hearing would be part of the September 8th Board Meeting at 9 a.m. This is when people will make their presentations. The Supervisors will be provided an updated budget with corrections made. This will be a final and true statement of the budget showing what is funded and what is not.

Supervisor Mark Gardner informed the Board that he had suggested to Bill at Healing Hearts Child Advocacy Center that they come plead their case to continue funding. Supervisor Lee Caldwell informed the Board that the Fire Department will be here at 1 pm.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to adjourn until September 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

This the 1st day of September, 2015, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Bill Russell, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors