

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING**

**July 2, 2001**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The July 2, 2001, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown 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 Gerald Clifton-----District 3
- Supervisor John Caldwell---District 4 -----Absent
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the invocation.

**C. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES**

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of June 2001, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for June 2001, with various corrections as agreed by the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Supervisor Jessie Medlin  | YES    |
| Supervisor Eugene Thach   | YES    |
| Supervisor Gerald Clifton | YES    |
| Supervisor John Caldwell  | ABSENT |
| Supervisor Tommy Lewis    | YES    |

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Board Approval to Pay Expense for Tips when Traveling**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board had asked him to investigate a policy for tips when traveling. David Armstrong said the State of Mississippi has no policy but they do allow for reimbursement of tips. David Armstrong said he checked with the following Counties to see what their policy was:

Rankin County – No policy, but they do reimburse tips.

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Harrison County – No Policy, but they do reimburse tips.  
Hinds County – Maximum of 15% of daily allowance.  
Lee County – No Policy, but they do reimburse tips.

David Armstrong said the State Audit Department said the Board could set a policy for tips. David Armstrong said his recommendation would be for a \$6.00 allowance the first day of travel and \$6.00 allowance the last day of travel.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he feels tips should be reimbursed, as they are a real expense to employees. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board could approve tips on a monthly basis. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he wanted an amount set to have the proper check and balance system.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the policy of \$6.00 tip allowance for the first and last day of travel in addition to the allowable documented tips for cab fare and food. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	NO
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**2. School Board Request**

County Administrator David Armstrong stated the Board appointed School Committee of Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Supervisor Eugene Thach and County Administrator David Armstrong had meet with the Superintendent of Education Jerry Baird to discuss the School Board Requests for Assistance, which the County receives during the year. David Armstrong said the Superintendent Jerry Baird had agreed to reimburse the County for the labor cost involved in these school requests. David Armstrong said the Road Manager Kenny Gunn would work up the labor cost to present to the School Representative Robert Earl Phillips. The money collected for these expenses will go back into the road budget.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the Board Attorney Bill Austin if an inter-local agreement with the School Board would be necessary. Bill Austin said for the County to send a memorandum to document the meeting that was held with the Superintendent, for a file backup. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he was pleased with the way the meeting with the Superintendent went. Vanessa Lynchard asked where the money would be funded. The Board of Supervisors agreed the school payments should go back into the Central Maintenance budget. No motions were made on this item.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Tax Assessor to Present Real and Personal Property Assessment Rolls**

The DeSoto County Tax Assessor, Parker Pickle, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the preliminary tax rolls for Real & Personal Property Assessments for DeSoto County for the 2001 tax year. Mr. Pickle said that DeSoto County experienced an 8.3% increase in assessed property values since August 2000, which is attributed to the tremendous growth in DeSoto County. Parker Pickle said the County had processed \$5.4 billion in property assessments since last year's report, and there has been a \$59 million increase over the year 2000. Parker Pickle said that over a 10 year span, DeSoto County has increased 267% in assessed value for homes, cars, and businesses. Parker Pickle said there were 4,000 new homesteads this year, which was the same growth as in 2000. Parker Pickle said DeSoto

County has not slowed down in development, whereas other Counties in Mississippi have.  
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Parker Pickle said the new programs are being installed to mail out the new assessed value to the public. Supervisor Thach asked if under the new guidelines, do you go into the homes to assess them and asked how do you get the class. Parker Pickle said they always assess from the outside and do not enter homes.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the preliminary tax rolls for Real & Personal Property Assessments for DeSoto County for the 2001 tax year. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.1\*\***

**2. Approval to Proceed with Equalization of Tax Rolls and Publish Notice that Rolls are Ready for Public Inspection**

IN THE MATTER OF REAL AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

This day came on to be considered by the Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County, Mississippi, the matter of equalizing assessments and personal property for the year 2001. The Board affirmatively finds and adjudicates that Parker Pickle, Tax Assessor of DeSoto County, has completed and filed the 2001 real and personal assessment rolls of DeSoto County, Mississippi, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-35-81, Mississippi Code 1972, has delivered the said rolls in legal form to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of this county on or before the First Monday of July, 2000, and that the said Assessor has made and appended to said real and personal rolls the affidavit in the form and as provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that this Board of Supervisors will immediately, at its July 2, 2001 meeting, proceed to equalize such rolls and will cause to be assessed any person, or thing, found to undervalued, and do all things required by Section 27-35-87, Code of 1972, and other laws, and cause all corrections to be made in the said rolls, and will complete such equalization at least ten (10) days before the August, 2001 meeting, and upon adjournment will immediately by newspaper publication notify the public that such rolls so equalized are ready and open for inspection and examination.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this 2nd day of July, 2001.

At the recommendation of the Chancery Clerk, W. E. Sluggo Davis the records will be located in the Chancery hearing room for review by the public. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to proceed with the equalization of the tax rolls and publish a notice that the Tax Rolls are ready for public inspection. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.2\*\***

**ITEM E, CONTINUED,**

**3. Fixed Asset Inventory Report FY00**

In accordance with Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code, which states that the inventory control clerk, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State Auditor, shall perform physical inventories of assets of the county on or before October 1 of each year and shall file with the Board of Supervisors, in triplicate, a written report of such inventory.

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Fixed Asset Inventory Report for FY00 was completed and the report had been printed. Bonnie Gatlin said the overall report consisted of changes that moved items from Mobile Equipment into the Furniture and Equipment category; the old Central Maintenance Barn that burned was taken off the report; Construction in Progress for renovation was not put on records in past, but auditor have requested that it be on records; the E911 property was taken off the records per the auditor's request and the Right of Way Property was taken off of the reports. Bonnie Gatlin said the main problem in getting the report out was the software program that was being used was not date sensitive, but that has been corrected.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the Fixed Asset Inventory Report for FY00 for the following:

<u>Asset Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending</u>
<u>Balance</u>				
Mobile Equipment	4,949,183.36	598,741.60	522,993.42	5,024,931.54
Furniture & Equipment	2,030,345.00	296,470.93	44,460.50	2,282,355.43
Land	2,183,315.96		36,370.00	2,146,945.96
Buildings	11,190,047.51	448,614.03	48,699.00	11,589,962.54
Other		4,727.00		4,727.00
Leased	2,423,406.00			2,423,406.00
Construction in Progress	<u>6,218,067.75</u>	<u>2,470,796.68</u>	<u>448,614.41</u>	<u>8,240,250.02</u>
TOTALS	28,994,365.58	3,819,350.24	1,101,137.33	31,712,578.49

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.3\*\***

**4. Approval of Quarterly Allocations**

In accordance with Section 27-1-32 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, which allows the Board of Supervisors to set aside, appropriate and expend moneys from the general fund for the purpose of supplementing the budget of the offices of Sheriff, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the quarterly allocations for the Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector as recommended by the Comptroller as follows:

**a. Tax Assessor**

Department 103	\$213,485.25
Department 105(Municipal Tax Fees)	<u>3,243.50</u>
Total	\$216,728.75

**b. Tax Collector**

Department 104	\$203,623.50
Department 105(Municipal Tax Fees)	<u>3,243.50</u>

Total \$206,867.00  
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**c. Sheriff's Department**

Department 200(Sheriff)	\$ 171,667.75
Department 201(Aviation)	35,907.00
Department 202(Patrol/Law Enforcement)	1,035,648.75
Department 220(Custody of Prisoners & Jail)	515,610.25
Department 222(Prisoners Medical Expense)	118,750.00
Department 223(Juvenile Detention)	44,091.50
Department 225(Rescue Unit)	<u>1,225.00</u>
Total	\$1,922,900.25

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.4. \*\***

**5. Budget Amendments**

Comptroller Joyce Riales presented budget amendments as follows to the Board of Supervisors:

**a. Insurance – Small Claims**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County has established a small claims insurance fund to pay for windshield breakage and other small claims that are filed against out property and liability insurance as recommended during the insurance negotiations. This was done to keep the number of claims filed against the major insurance holder lower in an effort to reduce our insurance rates. Comptroller Joyce Riales said she had set up a department 106 for small claims insurance to help track these claims, which is different from the main department used for insurance.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

Account #	Description	Budget Amt.	Increase	Decrease
<u>Total</u>				
001-106-952	Small Claims	\$ 0	\$10,000	\$10,000
001-901-999	End. Cash Balance	\$7,813,969		\$10,000
Totals		\$7,813,939	\$10,000	\$10,000
				\$7,813,969

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.5.a\*\***

**ITEM E.5, CONTINUED**

**b. Jail Housing**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the court mandate for jail housing to be maintained at 160 prisoners has required the Sheriff to board 65 prisoners in the Tallahatchie County jail. The County has to pay \$31.00 per day for each prisoner and this budget amendment is estimated for the time frame through the budget year-end of FY01.

Sheriff James Riley said the jail booked in 75 prisoners over the weekend. 60 bonded out and 15 have to be housed. Supervisor Eugene Thach said to encourage the Judges to bond out the prisoners to get some relief for the jail from having to house the prisoners. David Armstrong said the County should look into securing a facility to house the prisoners in DeSoto County.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt.</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Total</u>				
001-220-579	Housing Prisoners	0	\$150,000	\$150,000
001-901-999	Ending Cash Balance	\$7,803,969		\$150,000
Totals		\$7,803,969	\$150,000	\$150,000

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.5.b\*\***

**c. Health Services – Vital Statistics**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County has to pay \$1.00 for each birth and \$1.00 for each death in the County to the State Health Department. David Armstrong said the growth of DeSoto County has increased the number of births and deaths in the County and the budget has to be increased to handle the cost through FY01 budget year.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. At the determination that the following budget amendment is needed and to authorize the transfer of funds to the Vital Statistics budget, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt.</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Total</u>				
001-440-458	Vital Statistics	\$ 1,750	\$600	\$2,350
001-901-999	End. Cash Balance	\$7,653,969		\$600
Total		\$7,655,719	\$600	\$600

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES  
 Supervisor Eugene Thach YES

**ITEM E.5.c, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES  
 Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT  
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.5.c\*\***

**d. Coroner**

County Administrator David Armstrong said there has been a large increase in deaths that occurred in DeSoto County that required autopsies. The fiscal year budget for FY01 requires additional funds for these expenses.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001. At the determination that the following budget amendment is needed and to authorize the transfer of funds to the Coroner budget, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as follows:

Account #	Description	Budget Amt.	Increase	Decrease
<u>Total</u>				
001-167-603	Office Supplies	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 75
001-167-561	Autopsies	30,000	12,000	42,000
001-167-523	Contractual Printing	360	100	460
001-167-477	Travel In County	3,750	1,600	5,350
001-167-427	Deputy Corner Fees	5,100	3,700	8,800
001-901-999	End. Cash Balance	7,653,369		17,425
Total		\$7,692,629	\$17,425	\$17,425 \$7,692,629

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES  
 Supervisor Eugene Thach YES  
 Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES  
 Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT  
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.5.d\*\***

**6. Joyce Riales - Comptroller**

**a. Claims Docket**

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of July 2, 2001, in accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay all the claims docket bills as presented by the Comptroller, with the total amount of claims docket being \$2,249,841.80. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES  
 Supervisor Eugene Thach YES  
 Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES

Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT  
 Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**ITEM E.6.a, CONTINUED,**

**\*\*See Exhibit E.6.a \*\***

**b. Investment of Surplus Funds**

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such county shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Trustmark National Bank, who was the high bidder that placed their bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CD#</u>
06/28/2001	Trustmark Bank	\$3,500,000	7/27/01	29	3.53%	8617368

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.6.b\*\***

**c. Approval to Ratify Bond Payments**

Verified loan repayment documents for DeSoto County Account #71-61-5881-3T 5 for a \$10,000,000 Mississippi Development Bank Promissory Note dated October 9, 2000 were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment was made to Hancock Bank against the following accounts as follows:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
001-801-800	Principal	\$20,833.67
001-801-801	Interest	\$15,309.59
		\$36,143.26

Verified loan repayment documents for a \$18,000,000 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2000 (DeSoto County, MS General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Project) Issue #0350, were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment for variable rate interest was made for a thirty day period to Trustmark Bank against the following account:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
215-800-801	Interest	\$46,040.55

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to ratify the bond payments as described above. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES

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Supervisor Eugene Thach YES

Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES

Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT

Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.6.c\*\***

**7. Approval of Travel**

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of July 2, 2001 to August 6, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize travel during the period of July 2, 2001 to August 6, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach YES

Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES

Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT

Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**8. Approval of Bailiff Pay**

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to pay Lee Hodge the amount of \$200.00 for the month of June, 2001; to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$160.00 for the month of June, 2001; to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$160.00 for the month of June, 2001, for their service as bailiff for DeSoto County Justice Court. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach YES

Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES

Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT

Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.8\*\***

**9. Justice Court Report**

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, presented to the Board of Supervisors the Justice Court Report for the month of June 2001, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Report for the month of June 2001. The vote passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach YES

Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES

Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT

Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**ITEM E.9, CONTINUED,**

**\*\*See Exhibit E.9\*\***

**10. Sheriff's Employee Report**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff=s Department Employee Reports for the month of June 2001. The report is attached and made a part of the minutes in Exhibit E.9. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.10\*\***

**11. Central Maintenance**

**a. Road Report and Work Schedule**

Pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented the Road Report for May 26, 2001 thru June 27, 2001 and the Work Schedule for the month of July 2001.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Road Report and Work Schedule presented by the Road Manager Kenny Gunn. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.11.a\*\***

**b. Road Bond Report**

Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented the Road Bond Report to the Board of Supervisors for review. Kenny Gunn said he recommends that the bonds be changed on Sterling Lane Subdivision to release the \$5,500.00 maintenance bond and put the road under County maintenance and on Morning View "B" that the \$9,413.33 Final Construction bond be reduced to a \$1,500.00 maintenance bond.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County had received a road bond for Stuart Road. Merritt Powell said not that he is aware of. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what recourse the County has. Board Attorney Bill Austin asked what exactly was approved. Merritt Powell said the Board approved that the house could be built on the site requested but the road must be built or extended to County specifications to the property line. Bill Austin asked to see the order. Kenny Gunn said the hill must be cut down before the road is paved. Merritt Powell said the landowner did not want the hill cut. Kenny said he tied on to a turnaround that already existed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the

motion to accept the Road Bond Report with the recommendations from Kenny Gunn that  
**ITEM E.11.b, CONTINUED,**

the bonds be changed on Sterling Lane Subdivision to release the \$5,500.00 maintenance bond and put under County maintenance and on Morning View "B" that the \$9,413.33 Final Construction bond be reduced to a \$1,500.00 maintenance bond. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.11.b\*\***

**Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to recess until 1:30 p.m. for lunch. The motion passed by a vote as follows:**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

## **12. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in accordance with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code, which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

## **13. Approval of Chancery Clerk Allowances**

Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the May, 2001 term in the amount of \$1,740.00. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.13\*\***

## **14. Approval of Final Inventory Disposal – Central Maintenance**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the **ITEM E.14, CONTINUED,**

motion to accept receipts from the Inventory Clerk pursuant to Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code and did approve the disposition on the report as follows:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
5075	Motorola LB Radio	428ARN1536	Sold @ Auction
3131	Motorola LB Radio	N/A	Sold @ Auction
12138	Motorola LB Radio	778TWY13482	Sold @ Auction
12139	Motorola LB Radio	778TWY1317	Sold @ Auction
12142	Motorola LB Radio	778TWY1316	Sold @ Auction
12143	Motorola LB Radio	778TWY1358	Sold @ Auction
12145	Motorola LB Radio	778TWY1314	Sold @ Auction

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.14\*\***

**15. Approval to Transfer Car from Sheriff's Department to The Village of Memphis**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to declare the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria Car VIN# 2FAFP71w9XY112770 as surplus property and to approve the vehicle transfer of the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria Car, VIN #2FAFP71W9XY112770 from the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department to the Village of Memphis. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.15\*\***

**16. Approval for Board President to sign Request to the Cities for Support in Civil Defense**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion for approval of the Board President to sign the letters requesting the Cities of Olive Branch, Horn Lake, Southaven and Hernando for support of the Civil Defense (Emergency Management) Program as follows:

City of Olive Branch	\$ 3,000
City of Horn Lake	\$ 3,000
City of Hernando	\$ 3,000
City of Southaven	\$10,000

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.16\*\***

**ITEM E, CONTINUED,**

**17. Approval to add Carrie Munson to sign Purchase Requisition's for Family & Children**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the DeSoto County Family and Children's Department has requested that Carrie Munson in their Department be approved to sign purchase requisitions. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve Carrie Munson from the Family and Children's Department to sign purchase requisitions. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.17\*\***

**18. Hernando Civic Center Request for Assistance**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County has received a request from the Hernando Civic Center for funds to improve the parks at the Center in the amount of \$6,500. Supervisor Lewis said that money would be used for security lighting for the parking lot and to build pavilions with barbecue grills.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to advertise DeSoto County Resources by contributing \$5,000 from the Advertising County Resources to the Hernando Civic Center and to authorize the clerk to write the check. In accordance with Section 17-3-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County. In addition the motion included approval of a budget amendment for the following:

<u>Fund #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt.</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-525-913	Dist. 5 Park Fund	19,890		5,000	14,890
001-675-522	Advertising County Resources	53,000	5,000		58,000

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.18\*\***

**19. Resolution for Redistricting**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Board President to sign the Resolution of DeSoto County Board of Supervisors request to the Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee of the Mississippi Legislature, to remain a member of the current First Congressional District of the State of Mississippi. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES

**ITEM E.19, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Eugene Thach YES  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES  
Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.19\*\***

**20. Bids Under Advisement – Church Road East**

Consulting County Engineer Daniel Murphy appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the recent bids for Church Road East. Daniel Murphy said they had requested the bids be quoted with a base price and with an alternate price. Daniel Murphy said the base bid would cover four (4) miles of Church Road East into a five-lane roadbed with gravel on two lanes. The alternate bid calls for the five lanes to be graveled. The low bidder for the contract is Camco

Construction, if the County accepts the base bid. Daniel Murphy said Camco has the job for Church Road West and they are ready to work both jobs at the same time.

Daniel Murphy said he recommends the low bid for the base bid. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the alternate bid is what the County had planned to do. Daniel Murphy said the alternate was added to take advantage of gravel in the area that would decrease the cost. Daniel said the bridge would be five lanes and Church Road East would connect Hwy 305 and Pleasant Hill Road. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the cost to pave the road would be. Daniel Murphy said pavement cost would be between \$250 and \$300 thousand. Daniel said he recommends paving three lanes and having lanes on the outside. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the gravel will help settle the road. Supervisor Thach asked whether State Aid funds could be used for Church Road East. Daniel Murphy said State Aid funds are not available at this time and to qualify for funds the plans would have to be sent back to State Aid to be approved. Daniel said if this is done, the County could not accept the bids at this time and it would delay the construction.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the County Consulting Engineer to approve the Church Road East construction be awarded to the low bidder for the Base bid to Camco Construction Co., Inc., Oxford, MS in the amount of \$4,867,122.49. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES  
Supervisor Eugene Thach YES  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES  
Supervisor John Caldwell ABSENT  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.20\*\***

**21. Appointments to the Civic Center**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he has received a request from the Civic Center for new appointments to be made for the receiving, purchasing and inventory personnel. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the appointments to the Civic Center for the following personnel:

**a. To sign Purchasing Requisitions – Stuart Taylor, Frank Cable**

**b. Assistant Receiving Clerks – Bill Forrester, Tim Alward, Jana Collins**

**ITEM E.21, CONTINUED,**

**c. Assistant Inventory Clerk – Phillip Schoggen**

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.21\*\***

**22. Web Site Work Order**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board had previously approved a County contract with J&D Resources, Inc. of Memphis as a Web Consultant. Larry Wood, Director of Data Processing, is working on the County Web Site and received a work order from J&D Resources for a rate of \$65.00 per hour, as compared to the original agreement of \$85.00 per hour. The County had set a limit of \$3,000.00 in the development of the County Web Site with this vendor.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the work order from J&D Resources, Inc. for work on the County Web Site at a rate of \$65.00 per hour and the total expense not to exceed \$3,000.00. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.22\*\***

**23. Making the Letter from the Civic Center Requesting a Draw Part of the Minutes**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had received a letter from Martha Gatlin, Civic Center Board Chairman, requesting a financial draw of \$400,000 from monies held in the 2% Tourism Tax Account. David Armstrong said the Tourism Tax Account has \$2,173,473 at this time and with the draw of \$400,000, this would leave \$1,773,576 in the account. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the draw of \$400,000 from the 2% Tourism Tax Account for the Civic Center for construction, operations and maintenance of the facility. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	ABSENT
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.23\*\***

**ITEM E, CONTINUED,**

**24. Jerri Beecroft – Request for Consideration for Road Access Leniency**

Planning Commission Director Merritt Powell and Ms. Jerri Beecroft appeared before the Board of Supervisors concerning 37 acres of land for sale, belonging to Mr. Steven B. Pyles. Merritt Powell said the plan shows one lot off of Bethel Road that cuts off the width necessary for a County road for direct access to Bethel Road for the remaining lots. The only access to the rest of the land is through Carter’s Plantation. Ms. Beecroft said she wants to purchase the land from Mr. Pyles, but the easement access road is only 49 ft. and the County requires a 50 ft. easement for roads. Ms. Beecroft said she wants to be sure the road can be built with the 49 ft. easement before she buys the land and then finds out she is unable to develop the property.

Merritt Powell said he advised Ms. Beecroft that only the Board of Supervisors could grant the 49 ft. road allowance for the road. Merritt Powell said Ms. Beecroft only wants to extend the existing road. Supervisor Eugene Thach noted the Board is handling a request from a third party since Ms. Beecroft does not own the property. Ms. Beecroft said she has a contract for the land contingent on the road approval. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he feels like the Board should not give a decision on the land before the Planning Commission has addressed the problem. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he has no problem with the 49 ft. road width.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve building the road with a 49 ft. easement and for the road entrance to be into Carter’s Plantation, instead of Bethel Road. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	NO
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the reason for his vote of no was because Ms. Beecroft does not own the land.

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**G. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Courthouse Storage Space**

Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson and Circuit Judge George Ready appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss storage of court records at the Courthouse. Dale Thompson said she had met with Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis on Friday to talk about office space at the Courthouse where an inquiry room and absentee voting area could be located. They have agreed to use the room on the south side of the west wing for the inquiry room.

Judge George Ready said the balcony area of the main courtroom has been a closed off area for several years and used for storage space. Recent discussions have taken place about re-opening the balcony to the public. Judge Ready said he was opposed to this thought, due to the extensive criminal cases that are taking place in DeSoto County. This area does not have proper security when trials are being held. Judge Ready said the Courthouse has a space

problem for the storage of criminal records that have to be maintained for viewing in criminal

**ITEM G.1, CONTINUED,**

cases for a lengthy period of time. Judge Ready said the third floor of the Courthouse had been used in the past for storage, but has been converted into offices for Judges and staff.

Judge Ready said he would like for the Board of Supervisors to approve the closing of the balcony area in the main Courtroom. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if he felt like the County would never have a use to open the balcony for a trial period. Judge Ready said if the County had a case with a big crowd, he would want the balcony to be closed for security reasons. Judge Ready said the Citizens Committee had requested the balcony be reopened. Judge Ready said the balcony area could be converted into office space in the future. Supervisor Thach asked if the storage space required records to be maintained at the Courthouse. Dale Thompson said the exhibits have to be maintained in the Courthouse. Judge Ready said the Circuit Clerk is required to maintain records that are used in court cases in a controlled environment. Supervisor Thach said some Courthouses have records maintained in off site locations for storage space. Supervisor Thach said Supervisor John Caldwell, Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis and he had walked through the Courthouse and looked at requirements for storage in the future.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said Chancery Clerk's office is using the room on the West Side of the Courthouse. The south and north wings and part of the north side of the middle wing is used as an inquiry room for the Chancery, Circuit, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor. If the Election Commission gets a room they will have to use the room on the right or the room on the left. Dale Thompson said she needs storage for voting records. Supervisor Thach asked what the tenure was to maintain storage of records.

Board Attorney Bill Austin stated the balcony's structure strength was studied and may not hold the weight of storage files. Bill Austin suggested the Board consider establishing a weight limit for the balcony.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how close the contractor is to working on the balcony area. David Armstrong said there were some benches ordered. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he wanted the balcony tested for weight capacity. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the balcony should be marked with the engineering weight limits allowable.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to close the balcony of the main courtroom; to continue to use the room on the South of the middle West Wing of the Courthouse for an inquiry room; and for the County Administrator to authorize space in the middle West wing to the Circuit Clerk, Circuit Court Administrator, County Court, and Election Commission and to have the weight limit of the balcony area established for storage. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**2. Rubbish Disposal**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County needs to get serious about finding an alternative site for a new rubbish pit. County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said he had talked with a company about a grinder and pit burner in Haywood, TN. They run the pit burner facility 24 hours a day. Kenny Gunn said there are advantages to both types of equipment. The pit burner could only be located at one location in the County, whereas the grinder could be mobile. Kenny Gunn said for the month of May there were 300 loads of rubbish and for June

there were 330 loads of rubbish. Kenny Gunn said the County is running two trucks all day everyday.

**ITEM G.2, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked when the loads were set up did the County limit how many loads per home were allowed. Kenny Gunn said a work order is done for subdivisions and they may have two or three loads instead of one load. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he had observed the same locations having rubbish every other day. Kenny Gunn said there seems to be more rubbish in the older subdivisions and this may be due to the drought in the last two years.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said if the County uses the grinder, they could then use the mulch. Sluggo Davis said the County would still have to pick up the material and take it to the grinder location. Supervisor Thach said he would like to see the County grind the limbs. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the limbs could be taken to the rubbish pit and ground up there as compost.

Supervisor Thach asked how many years were left on the rubbish pit. David Armstrong said six years but the rubbish pit is filling up fast. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the rubbish pit could be expanded. Supervisor Thach said there is a gravel pit on the north side of the rubbish pit, but this has been reclaimed. Supervisor Thach said the County needs to get the County rubbish project implemented. No motions were made on this item.

**3. Seminar – Sign and Traffic Controls – Central Maintenance**

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn asked for approval to send Jim Green to a seminar for the Design of Operation of Work Zone Traffic Control to be held on July 17, 18 and 19, 2001 at Jackson State University. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Kenny Gunn to have Jim Green train the other County employees when he came back from seminar. Kenny Gunn said DeSoto County's heavy traffic areas cause a safety problem for the County road personnel who are working on the roads. Board Attorney Bill Austin said Mr. Green should be assigned as the Work Zone and Safety Officer after the course and he should work with the County Risk Manager.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve Jim Green's attendance at the Design and Work Zone Traffic Control Seminar on July 17, 18 and 19, 2001. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**4. Late Bill – Tax Collector Conference**

Comptroller Joyce Riales stated Joey Treadway was attending the Tax Collector's Conference at the Palace Casino Resort Hotel and the amount for lodging required additional funds of \$124.40 to be approved by the Board. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the clerk to write the check for additional lodging funds in the amount of \$124.40 for the Tax Collector's Conference. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	ABSENT

Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**ITEM G.4, CONTINUED,**

**\*\*See Exhibit G.4\*\***

**5. EarthCon Air Quality Report – Central Maintenance**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had received a proposal from EarthCon for \$1,635.00 for the air quality report to be done at the DeSoto County Central Maintenance Facility located at 2339 Gwynn Road in Nesbit, Mississippi. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve hiring EarthCon for the air quality report to be done to the DeSoto County Central Maintenance Facility located at 2339 Gwynn Road in Nesbit, Mississippi. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**6. Courthouse Bell**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he had been approached about having the Courthouse Bell relocated to the Courthouse Rotunda for public viewing. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the County Administrator to check with the County Archives Department to see if the bell can be taken down, cleaned, restored and relocated. No motions were made on this item.

**7. Annual Fee I-69 Project**

Supervisor Eugene Thach said correspondence from Roger Wicker and Trent Lott regarding the alignment of the I-69 Loop stated there was not enough money for two routes, the center alignment and the eastern outer loop. Supervisor Thach said the Memphis I-69 Mid Continent Highway Coalition Inc., has requested that Tennessee and Mississippi work together to make a decision for the best route.

Supervisor Thach said the committee has been asked to work with Mr. Eugene Cleckley, Federal Highway Administrator in Atlanta. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County should get feedback from the Legislature, Roger Wicker, Trent Lott and Thad Cochran on how to proceed. Supervisor Thach said the annual fee for the participation in the I-69 Project is \$5,400.00 and the Board of Supervisors needs to approve payment of fee.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion for the clerk to write the check for \$5,400 for the County’s fee in the I-69 Project. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**8. Church Road West**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said on the Church Road West expansion project, graves had been

located on both sides of the right of way. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to hire the Austin Law Firm to investigate the cost and procedure for relocating potential land sites for the graves. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

**ITEM G.8, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**9. Civic Center Road**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Civic Center Road to Hwy 51 needs to be looked at, since the County has committed to a four-lane road by October. The County needs to start work

on this project. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said they needed to talk to Daniel Murphy to see what can be done to the Civic Center Road. David Armstrong said he would talk with Daniel Murphy. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said if Daniel couldn't get to the project in a reasonable time frame, the Board needs to secure someone else to start the work.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to have the County Administrator talk with Daniel Murphy, Consulting County Engineer, regarding the four lanes of the Civic Center Road. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**10. McInvale Road**

Kenny Gunn said the work on McInvale Road from the Hernando City Limits to Green T Road has gone as far as it can until engineering plans are done to complete the project. Kenny Gunn said he could set the grades for the small projects, but an engineer should handle big projects. Kenny Gunn said McInvale should be designed for five lanes with curb and gutters. Kenny Gunn said he recommends building three lanes without curb and gutter. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what the cost for the engineering would be. Kenny Gunn said approximately \$20,000. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board could approach Daniel Murphy about this project to see if he has time to do it. Supervisor Medlin asked the Board Attorney Bill Austin if Daniel Murphy could not do the engineering work, could he sub out the work and the County would pay Daniel Murphy for overseeing the work. David Armstrong said he would negotiate with Daniel Murphy on the McInvale Road project.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to have the County Administrator negotiate with Daniel Murphy, Consulting County Engineer, on the development of McInvale Road from Byhalia Road to Green T Road. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**11. Cathy Road**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Kenny Gunn to do a work order for Cathy Road to estimate paving. Kenny Gunn said he has added all he can do in July to the list. Supervisor Medlin said to get an estimated cost to overlay the road.

**ITEM G, CONTINUED,**

**12. Roads - Pleasant Hill Road - Tchulahoma Road – Ranch Road**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said a re-grade at Pleasant Hill Road and Tchulahoma Road needs to be done. Also the mess that was made to Ranch Road needs to be leveled and to reseal the road. Kenny Gunn said he would look at Ranch Road to see what could be done.

**13. Allied Enterprises**

Kenny Gunn said he had looked at the Allied Enterprises parking area to repair. Kenny Gunn said that it might just need grading and some gravel for the repair work.

**14. Central Maintenance – Approval to Handle Small Jobs without Board Approval**

Medlin asked if the County owned the building, should Kenny Gunn just go ahead and do work required for parking lots. Supervisor Eugene Thach said Kenny Gunn wants the Board approval if the job takes two or three days work. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said if a job takes one day or less and it is a County owned property, it would be okay for Kenny Gunn to go ahead and do work.

**15. Records Preservation**

Kelly McGee, State Auditor, has asked that a contractual agreement be drawn up for the DeSoto County records preservation that is done by the Circuit Clerk for which the County pays a \$6,000 fee. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked for Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson to bring a contract before the Board for approval. No motions were made on this item.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	ABSENT
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

THIS the 2nd. Day of July 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Tommy Lewis, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors