

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

August 20, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 20, 2001, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President 2001.

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
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. ASluggo@ Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- Sheriff James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
- David Armstrong-----County Administrator
- William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission – Rezoning

The Planning Commission brought the following items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission:

a. Rezoning – Saulsbury SD – Bankston Rd. – Septic System

****See Exhibit C.1.a****

2. Approval to Share Cost to Fix Erosion Problem at Church Road and Elmore Road

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the pipes that are laid will allow for expansion up to seven lanes. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the City has already started work on the roads. They have installed a five foot concrete pipe on Church Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the City's plan had already started, why did they wait to come to the Board for money? Supervisor Thach said there was a bad hole at Elmore and Church that was a safety hazard. The County took the culvert out because it was stopped up and the City decided to put in the pipe.

ITEM C.2, CONTINUED,

Vanessa Lynchard said that Kenny Gunn had spoken with the City of Southaven and was told that the City was going to contract the project. Supervisor Thach said the City was going on an area off of the right of way, which is legal for the City to do. Supervisor Lewis asked Supervisor Thach what he recommended the County do. Supervisor Thach said his concern was the \$100,000 and the fact that the County may not be able to pay for certain work the City can pay for according to State law. The County would be responsible for the work on Elmore Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would like to make sure they had more than one quote for the job. Supervisor Lewis said if they have done the work the County needs to see what has been done before the Board can take any action. Supervisor Lewis said he would like to see what the project actually costs.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over until the Board meeting September 4, 2001. 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

Supervisor Thach said he would talk to Mayor Davis concerning this project and report back to the Board.

3. Approval of Architect Contract – Eudora Fire Department

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had spoken with Architect Marvin Johnson and he verified that he would not charge the County for his services for the Eudora Fire Department addition, but he does not want to supervise the project. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the construction contract and approve the County Operations and Maintenance Director to act as superintendent of the project. 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

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bids Under Advisement – Three Motorcycles – Sheriff’s Dept.

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Sheriff’s Department is replacing one wrecked motorcycle and two that have high mileage. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how many bid invitations were sent. Vanessa Lynchard, Director of Administrative Services, said there were sixteen bids mailed and only one came back on time. There was one who called requesting to submit a bid after the deadline. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if this could be purchased on the State contract. Vanessa Lynchard said she verified it couldn’t. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what is the cost of the motorcycle. David Armstrong said the bid from Bumpus Harley-Davidson came in at \$15,499 for each machine.

ITEM D.1, CONTINUED,

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to declare the three motorcycles that are being replaced as surplus inventory and put them out for bid. David Armstrong said he was not sure what the Sheriff's plans were for those motorcycles. Supervisor Caldwell withdrew his motion.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the bid received from Bumpus Harley-Davidson for three police motorcycles priced at \$15,499 each. 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 D.1****

2. Bid Opening State Aid Project #SAP17(5)M Widening and Overlay of Fogg Road and Getwell Road

County Engineer Consultant, Daniel Murphy and Dan Tolar, of State Aid, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to open bids for the State Aid Project Number SAP-17 (5) M, the overlay of 4.431 miles of Fogg Road and Getwell Road. Daniel Murphy said the State Aid estimate for this project was \$678,121. There were only two bids received one from Lehman-Roberts Company, Memphis, TN for \$624,505.68 and one from APAC-Tennessee, Inc. for \$744,667.32.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take the two bids for SAP 17 (5) M for the overlay of 4.431 miles of Fogg Road and Getwell Road under advisement until the bids can be verified for accuracy. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Later in the meeting Dan Tolar and Daniel Murphy came back to the Board of Supervisors to verify the accuracy of the two bids for SAP 17(5) M. Dan Tolar said that the Lehman-Roberts Company bid and the APAC-Tennessee, Inc. bids were accurate. Daniel Murphy said that their recommendation is to go with the low bidder Lehman-Roberts Company for \$624,505.68. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the recommendation from Dan Tolar of State Aid, and Daniel Murphy, County Engineer, to accept the low bid from Lehman-Roberts Company for the overlay of 4.431 miles of Fogg Road and Getwell Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Daniel Murphy asked the Board of Supervisors to advance credit for the project SAP-17 (5) M in the amount of \$200,457. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve advance credit for the State Aid Project Number SAP-17 (5) M in the amount of \$200,457. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Joyce Riales – Comptroller

a. Budget Amendment – Jail Inspection

County Administrator David Armstrong asked for the approval of the Board of Supervisors to pay Mr. Welch for the recent visit to the jail facility. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if Mr. Welch had sent his report from the visit to the Board.

David Armstrong said the Sheriff wants to address the report to the Board.

ITEM D.3.a, CONTINUED,

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 recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment to pay the consultant Mr. Welch as follows:

<u>Fund #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Amt.</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Total</u>				
001-220-554	Consultant	0	3,000	3,000
001-901-999	Ending Cash Bal.	<u>7,605,974</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>7,602,974</u>
Totals		7,605,974	3,000	3,000

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.3.a****

b. Supplemental Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the supplementary claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of August 20, 2001.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin questions the claims regarding the clean up of cars due to inappropriate signage indicating County road construction. Supervisor Medlin said calls should be made to the County in regards to claims before the work is done and the County should advise where the cars should be sent for repair or cleanup, if the County is paying for this expense. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the claimant should sign an affidavit regarding the claim before the County reimburses the payment.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller in the amount of \$105,419.73, subject to the requested affidavit on the insurance claim from Krystal Erwin. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

****See Exhibit D3.b****

c. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that all 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 John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Trustmark National Bank, which was the high bidder

that placed their bid on time for funds as follows:

ITEM D.3.c, CONTINUED,

<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>
8/14/01	Trustmark	3,500,000	12/12/01	120	3.42%	8609515

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.3.c****

4. Renovation of First Floor Administration Building

Tax Assessor Parker Pickle appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the growth and expansion of the Tax Assessor Department. Parker Pickle said the department has a 3,200 sq. ft. office at this time, but the implementation of the GIS and mapping that is required by the State, the office space for equipment and personnel will require additional space. The offices located next door to their office would only require a doorway into the office that contains 1,350 sq. ft., which could be used for their equipment requirements.

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had planned to have this office space completed to bring the EMS Department back from Eudora Fire Station so they will be centrally located in the County. David Armstrong said he had asked Jim Bearden to sketch out plans to complete this office space. He estimated the cost to be \$15,000 to complete this office.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked Parker Pickle if he needs the space now and will the assessments be completed by the State mandated date next year. Parker Pickle said the State requires the assessments to be done in 2002, but he has said all along to the Board that it would take three years for the DeSoto County assessments to be completed, which would be 2003.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County Administrator was doing what had been requested of him to have the EMS moved back into Hernando. Bobby Storey, Director of EMS said they are working out of a 10 X 12 area, with four people in the office.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the Board to digest all of this information and this will allow the Board to make a decision at a later meeting.

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said he would have to contract the heating and air conditioning to get this done, which would cost approximately \$7,585. The carpet and sheetrock will have to also be done. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the contract on the Administration Building would require Allen & Hoshall to be involved. Jim Bearden said the time frame has expired on the contract that would require Allen & Hoshall to perform the work.

5. Acceptance of Hazardous Waste Grant

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the MDEQ Household Hazardous Waste Grant in the amount of \$20,000. 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 D.5****

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6. GIS - Grant

County Administrator David Armstrong said Sam Russell, County GIS Director, has secured a grant through NACO to cover software programs from ESRI for the GIS Department in the amount of \$22,000 and with no match required by the County. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the NACO Grant for the GIS software from ESRI in the amount of \$22,000. 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 D.6****

7. Appointment of County Representative to the Drainage Study Board

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board of Supervisors has to appoint a supervisor to represent the County on the Drainage Study Board. The appropriate cost to be borne by the County for this study is a pro rata manner, based on 2000 population is \$23,800.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint the County Administrator to be the County representative to the Drainage Study Board. 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 D.7****

8. Approval to Bid Equestrian Arena

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Equestrian Arena Committee members, Loraine Cady, Charles Tackett, Mr. James Stepp, and the Architect Jim Hinton, of Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel, were here to present the outlined plan for the construction of the equestrian arena.

Jim Hinton gave a copy to the Board of Supervisors, of the summarized facility features as follows:

1. A 125' x 250' indoor arena.
2. Indoor / Outdoor toilet facilities.
3. Indoor / Outdoor Concession Stand.
4. Bleacher Seating for approximately 915.
5. A Horse Barn attached to the arena with a covered connector. The Base Bid will include a barn for approximately 170 horses, two 30' x 30' wash areas and a toilet.
6. The site is laid out and graded for two additional 170-Horse Barns, a picnic pavilion and a 150' x 300' Outdoor Arena. The former landfill area will be used

for riding trails and open field riding.

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7. Gravel access road, car and truck-trailer parking.

Jim Hinton stated the estimated cost for the construction to be \$990,000, and the estimated total project cost is approximately \$1,350,000, which includes bleachers, horse stalls, equipment, surveys and fees. Jim Hinton said the presumptions are for the County to provide all materials and labor for rough grading, road and parking lot work, which

they could include as an alternate for Contractors to bid with an additional estimated cost of \$150,000. Jim Hinton said the building would not contain a fully automatic fire protection sprinkler system, but would provide sprinklers limited to toilet and concession areas and a hose connection strategically located in the building. The building will have a smoke evacuation system. The arena floor will also have limited uses, unless additional provisions are made and coordinated with local building and fire officials. Jim Hinton said the building is provided with heat, but does not contain air-conditioning. He said they designed the building to create convectional air currents and provided fans to generate additional airflow for spectator comfort during the hot season.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what the limited use for sprinkler would be. Jim Hinton said it is based on the horse events. Supervisor Lewis asked the reason to keep from installing complete sprinkler system. David Armstrong said the additional cost of \$150,000 for the system. Jim Hinton said they placed the sprinkler system in the most likely areas of a fire hazard. Supervisor Lewis asked how many people would be allowed at event without the sprinkler system and would the versatility of the building be limited? Jim Hinton said these areas were not addressed, but they could add an additional alternate for the sprinkler system to the bid.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the total cost only included 170 stalls. Jim Hinton said yes, but the design allows the potential of additional stalls at a later date. Loraine Cady said some associations that will be using this facility might have money to spend for additional stalls, once it is built. Jim Hinton showed the chart of design for the arena.

David Armstrong said he had put \$125,000 in the Operations and Maintenance Budget for 2002 to handle the arena's expense.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if the committee has looked at other arenas. Loraine Cady said they have looked at several and gave a list of arenas that the Board can go and look at. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the time frame for completion on the arena would be. Jim Hinton said the first step is to advertise for bid and then it would take six months or 180 days before construction could start.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said Mr. Jim Saucier, a landowner in this area would like to address the Board with concerns for the neighborhood. Mr. Saucier said the concerns for the neighborhood are the noise factor from the arena and the added traffic congestion on the two lane road. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said some other concerns of the landowners was the operation hours of the events and the days of the events. Charles Tackett said most of the events would be on the weekends between 6 p.m. and 12 p.m. Supervisor John Caldwell said another concern of the residents was the stabling of horses and the odors from the arena. Charles Tackett said he has never experienced any odors on the outside of a covered arena, and the facility will not be stabling horses. Loraine Cady said she has belonged to the Sunset Barns, that has 60 or 70 barns and the odor has never been a problem.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the arena and the riding trails will improve the looks of the area. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said the main concern is for Starlanding Road traffic, and said the right of way agreements for the expansion of the road should be

purchased. Supervisor John Caldwell said the County is waiting on the final road alignment from the

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railroad before the purchase of right of way can be done. Supervisor Caldwell said the County Engineer Daniel Murphy said we are not at the point to widen the whole road, but to install deceleration lanes for the arena.

Supervisor Caldwell asked the arena committee how the facility would be cleaned up. Loraine Cady said the area for horses and riders will be taken care of. Jim Saucier asked if a fence would be placed around the facility to breakdown the noise level. Supervisor Eugene Thach requested a site plan be given to Jim Saucier and said the fence could be put up between the property, but the Board will have to address this. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the installation of fence post being put into the ground would have to comply with DEQ before installing. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would like to see what the payments would be. David Armstrong said the Board could take funds from the \$18 million bond for the construction.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to put the equestrian arena out for bid based on the drawing by Architects Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel, and for alternates for sprinklers and an alternate for dirt work. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he is not opposed to building the equestrian arena, but there are some questions that need to be answered. ****See Exhibit D.8****

9. Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing for Budget

County Administrator David Armstrong said he would like to recommend publishing a September 4, 2001 date to advertise for the public hearing for the County budget. David Armstrong said the budget was ready for the Board to have a budget workday. David Armstrong said the County has to advertise two weeks before the hearing. The budget is ready to be dispersed to the County department heads. The Board agreed to meet Thursday, August 23, 2001 at 9 a.m. to go over the budget.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to advertise for public hearing for the County Budget on September 4, 2001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Bond Surplus Funds

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County has two school bonds that have expired. Comptroller Joyce Riales said there are still three collections to come in to the County to retire this debt. David Armstrong said the Board of Supervisors would have to get an Attorney General's opinion as to which fund the money belongs to. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the money legally belongs to the County, but the issue is, which account would it go into. Bill Austin said he would encourage the Board of Supervisors to get the Attorney General's opinion as to which account the funds would go.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for the Board Attorney to get the Attorney General's opinion as to which fund

the money belongs. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES

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

11. Metro Narcotics – Making Attorney General’s Approval of Inter-Local Agreement Part of the Minutes

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis presented the Attorney General’s Approval letter of the Inter-Local Agreement establishing the DeSoto County Metro Narcotics Unit. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Attorney General’s letter of approval of the Inter-Local Agreement establishing the DeSoto County Metro Narcotics Unit as part of the Board minutes. 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 D.11****

12. Tax Appeal – Varsity Spirit

Mr. Dudley Bridgforth appeared before the Board of Supervisors to represent the tax appeal for Varsity Spirit. Mr. Bridgforth said he is requesting a change of assessment and a Freeport Warehouse exemption for the 2000 taxes. The business is a sports apparel company and was located in Olive Branch. The bulk of the inventory at the time of assessment was in transit and not in a fiscal warehouse. The company did not file for the Freeport Warehouse exemption. Mr. Bridgforth said the business has moved into Tennessee and no longer located in Olive Branch. They are ready to pay taxes to the County but don’t feel they should pay for inventory that was in transit. Mr. Bridgforth said their first step was to negotiate with the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the company went through the tax advisory board. Mr. Bridgforth said no, the company was only leasing the property and they were having personnel problems and this situation was not addressed. Supervisor John Caldwell said these are incentives for businesses to come to DeSoto County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said when industry comes into the County, Jim Flanagan, Director of the DeSoto Economic Council, works with all companies on tax exemptions to present recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Parker Pickle, Tax Assessor, what the amount of taxes was. Parker Pickle said the taxes paid in 1999 was \$17,000, but the taxes for 2000 was \$170,000 due to the increase in the revenue. Parker Pickle said he doesn’t feel they should be granted an exception due to the fact they should have filed two years ago for Freeport exemption.

Mr. Bridgforth said the taxes would be \$35,000 with the Freeport exemption and they should only have to pay for inventory sales in the State of Mississippi. They are no longer in the State, but feel they owe the County some taxes. According to Section 27-35-143 (2), (7), and (13), of the Mississippi Code 1972, Amended, the Board has the

authority to grant relief of the taxes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the Board Attorney if he could explain any options to the Board. Board Attorney Bill Austin said he encouraged Mr. Bridgforth to bring the case to the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Bridgforth could appeal the Board's decision if his client chooses to do so.

ITEM D.12, CONTINUED,

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to deny the change in assessment because the exemption was not applied for in time. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.12****

13. Tax Appeal – G & T Development

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said he had received a certified letter from G & T Development regarding a tax appeal for the 2001 tax roll. The company owns a mini storage facility in Olive Branch. The letter is postmarked August 6, 2001, the date the County had the public hearing for the 2001 tax roll. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the Board Attorney to look at the request. Supervisor John Caldwell said they showed no reason for the incorrect assessment. Sluggo Davis said the County advertised for the August 6 hearing. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if it was their responsibility to be present. Parker Pickle, Tax Assessor, said they should come in with an appraisal showing why the assessment should be lowered. Board Attorney Bill Austin said this could be interpreted as a good appeal and the Board should write back with the appointment for September 4, 2001, for them to appear to plead the reasons for the assessment change. If they fail to appear then the assessment will stand.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to have the Chancery Clerk send a letter to G & T Development to notify them of the September 4, 2001 meeting for their appeal request to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.13****

14. Tax Assessments Reductions

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the petitions for reduction of assessments for the Year 2000 Tax Rolls for Real and Personal Property and to submit to the State Tax Commission the following tax parcels:

Personal Assessment Roll
2391-000 – Varsity Spirit Corp
1770-002 – General Electric Capital
2326-001 – T&W Funding Co XII LLC

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 D.14****

15. Chancery Clerk Allowances

Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the August, 2001 term in the amount of \$1,316.66. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve this payment, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972,

Annotated. The motion passed by vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES

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

****See Exhibit D.15****

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

F. OTHER ISSUES

1. EMS

Bobby Storey, Director of Fire and EMS, said EMS collected \$37,400 for the month of July.

Bobby Storey said the EMS teams are having a lot of calls that involve the Hispanic people who only speak Spanish and the EMS personnel can not understand what they are saying. Bobby Storey said they have books with limited words and phrases to help them, but he was checking with the NWCC about Spanish classes for his personnel.

Bobby Storey said he has had one person to resign from EMS and that he has an existing position open to be filled.

2. Hacks Cross Roads Change Order

Daniel Murphy, County Engineer, asked the Board of Supervisors to approve a change order for the Hacks Cross Road construction. Daniel Murphy said they needed to extend the road and connect to Hwy 302 which was left off by the State, and to put in curb and gutter. Daniel Murphy said the cost to do this would be \$52,310 and with this change, the contract is still under what the expected cost was estimated.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the change order for the Hacks Cross Road construction in the amount of \$52,310. 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

3. Aim Health Care Program

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had been approached by a firm called Aim Health Care regarding the recovery of money paid to the hospital by the County, that was billed in error by the hospital. David Armstrong said if they recover any money from the hospital for incorrect billing, they will keep 30% and the County will be refunded 70%. David Armstrong said he had discussed this with Bill Austin and Tony Nowak and they said the County would need to draft a letter to Aim Health Care to authorize them to proceed, with no cost to the County. David Armstrong said this would

be a one year contract and could be broken at anytime. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if this would destroy the relationship the County has with the hospital. Supervisor John Caldwell said he was not for them to become too aggressive and badger the hospital.

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Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to approve the contract with Aim Health Care. Supervisor Thach asked whom has this company done business with that the County could seek references. Supervisor John Caldwell withdrew his motion. David Armstrong said this would only be the bills that the County pays and not individual employee claims and he would verify other customers of Aim Health Care.

4. Bridgetown – New Fire Truck

Bobby Storey, Director of Fire and EMS, asked the Board of Supervisors for approval to go out for bid for a new fire truck for the Bridgetown Fire Department under the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve going out for bid on a new fire truck for the Bridgetown Fire Department under the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Nail Road and Starlanding Road

Daniel Murphy, County Engineer, advised the Board of Supervisors that once the work was completed on Nail Road and Starlanding Road, maintenance for these roads would fall under State Aid maintenance.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to recess until Thursday, August 23, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 20TH. Day of August 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors