

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2009 PRESIDING

December 21, 2009

A. CALL TO ORDER

The December 21, 2009, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President.

Sheriff Bill Rasco of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- Supervisor Bill Russell-----District 3
- Supervisor Allen Latimer-----District 4
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- Michael Garriga-----County Administrator
- Tony Nowak -----Board Attorney
- Sheriff Bill Rasco-----Sheriff

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Allen Latimer presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CONSENT

The Board of Supervisors considered the items on the Consent Agenda.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the reports and actions set forth therein as follows:

1. Accounting

a. Request to Repay Interfund Loan

From:	2010 Capital Expenditures Fund	\$500,000.00	(380-000-149)
To:	General County Fund	\$500,000.00	(001-000-054)

b. Travel Advance – Sheriff’s Dept. - \$1,095.00 – Chief Deputy Frank Rainey –Quantico VA - Training

c. Adult Drug Court Vehicle - \$16,464.74 – 2010 Dodge Charger – Serial # 2B3CD7AH166434

2. Make Part of Minutes

a. Space Center Agreement-Addendum

b. A2H Engineering Agreement

c. DCRUA-Board Appointment of Wade Carter

d. Starlanding Road Overpass-MOU Engineering Services-Pickering

e. Allow DCRUA to file an Eminent Domain Action-Morgan, Blalock & Smith Enterprises

f. Contract-Evans, Taylor, Foster and Childress Architects, Detention Facility Expansion

3. Grants-Approval to Apply for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

4. Inventory Dispositions – Final:

a. DC Animal Services

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Final
34566	CN7A7A2NR	HP Camera	Lost	Affidavit Attached
34386	909CYEA011 7460	HP Phone	Lost	Affidavit Attached

b. Emergency Services

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Final
19016	1FDHS34MH A72992	1991 Ambulance	Beyond Repair	Gov.Deals
19015	1FDJS34M4P HB11980	Amb Type II	Beyond Repair	Gov.Deals
19022	1FDJ534MXR HA46183	Amb Type II	Beyond Repair	Gov.Deals

5. Safety Officers Report (1)

6. Sheriff’s Department-Restricted Donation-Check for \$2,000 from Walmart for Equipment

7. Chancery Clerk Allowance - \$1,850.00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit D

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. I-269/Craft Road Bridge MOU

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the cost of the bridge for Craft Road is \$2.1 million. Mr. Nowak said the costs covers grading and paving all five lanes. The payment schedule is \$2,100,000. \$100,000 paid up front, \$500,000 upon letting the grading contract, \$500,000 1 year after letting the grading contract, \$500,000 2 years after letting the grading contract and \$500,000 upon completion. The county would have 45 days to pay each invoice and can cancel anytime up to when we are up to 120 days within the time they are ready to advertise for bids. The estimated date to advertise for the bids is before March 22, 2011.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said we should have included the developers in this if it was legal to do so.

Mr. Nowak said they need the contract signed and in place by March 1, 2010, or they will not be able to do the project.

The Board discussed that either of the parties can cancel the contract according to the wording of the agreement.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if all the terms of the agreement have been negotiated. Mr. Nowak responded that all were but MDOT would not agree to many requested changes.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said if we terminate the contract we need to pay them for any money they have already spent. If they cancel the contract, the county should not be out any money.

The Board discussed the equities of the contract and holding this item over for the Board Attorney to get clarification.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to hold this item over. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit E.1

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Advertising County Resources: Urban Forestry Conference (Horn Lake)

Anita Rainey, A.J. Jenkins and Betty Pruitt of the City of Horn Lake appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the Urban Forestry Conference.

Anita Rainey said the City of Horn Lake is hosting the Urban Forestry Conference on April 21st through April 23rd. Ms. Rainey said they want to highlight DeSoto County. She said she has been working with the City of Hernando, DeSoto County and other entities to make this conference a great event. The state is considering moving the Forestry Department under the Department of Agriculture. The Conference is about educating the public and developing educational opportunities for planners, developers, engineers and other professionals. The event will be held at the Dover Elevator Building and there is no charge for the use of the building. People throughout the state will be in attendance. She said, in the past, many of awards have gone in areas of the south of the state.

Ms. Rainey said today they are asking for sponsorships. Ms. Rainey explained that \$2,500 is a sponsorship that entitles donors to top billing and information literature in the packets. There are also other levels of sponsorship. According to two event planners, they say this will be one of the best events that has been held in DeSoto County. This will be a “Green” event.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said if the Board decides to sponsor the event, will it advertise DeSoto County. Ms. Rainey said she does not know the exact wording but it will be on the web site as well as Tourism and Greenways advertising. The City of Horn Lake will advertise DeSoto County.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked if they are approaching the cities for funding. Ms. Rainey said they will, but have not done so at this time. She said the cities are waiting for tax collections to come in.

A.J. Jenkins said this conference was originally going to be held in Oxford. DeSoto County was fortunate to be chosen for the event and it will be a positive economic impact on the county.

She said that people will use the restaurants and hotels. Chip Washington aired the story and will also be there, which will be good publicity for the county. Supervisor Latimer asked how much money the county has in Advertising Resources. County Administrator Michael Garriga reported the budget figures.

Supervisor Russell said it is a good way to spend the money.

After having determined that this request met requirements for Advertising County Resources in DeSoto County, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve an allocation of \$2,500 from Advertising County Resources for the Urban Forestry Conference in DeSoto County. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

2. Worker’s Compensation Insurance Renewal

Human Resources Director Janna Rogers presented the proposal for the worker’s compensation insurance renewal.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said that Rick Stallings could not attend the meeting today but can be available by telephone if the Board has questions regarding the proposal.

Ms. Rogers explained that the worker’s compensation policy is paid by the county. The estimated premium for 2010 is \$664,986 made in quarterly payments of \$166,245.

Ms. Rogers said there has been a slight increase. The rates are based on an experience mod. She said our factor increased 13%. She said payroll increased \$459,492 plus experience factors increased which resulted in an increased premium. Ms. Rogers said the premium would increase \$27,032 after all the available discounts are applied. The modification factor is based on years 2006, 2007 and 2008. There were three large claims in 2006 that affected our premium.

Ms. Rogers said that Rick Stallings plans to attend a Board of Supervisors meeting in January to answer any questions the Board may have for him.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if we are big enough to be self insured. Mr. Garriga said he did ask that question and was told the county is not large enough to sustain the risk on worker’s compensation at this time.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the worker’s compensation policy with Mississippi Public Entity at an estimated premium of \$664,986 and as fully described in Exhibit F.2.

See Exhibit F.2

3. Inventory Dispositions

At the recommendation of the Inventory Clerk, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the preliminary disposition for the GIS Department as follows:

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
31368	SG18E1310P	HP Deskjet PPlotter	Broken	GIS Dept.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.3

4. Tax Exemptions

a. Grandview Gallery-Real & Freeport

Jim Flanagan, President and CEO of the DeSoto County Economic Development Council, introduced Tom and Angela Cook of Grandview Gallery. Mr. Flanagan said this is a new company in the industrial park in Southaven.

Mr. Cook said they bought property in DeSoto County this year. They moved from Arkansas. They are similar to a bigger company in DeSoto County called Stylecraft Lamps.

Angela Cook said they are from Tupelo and have hired people from DeSoto County at their facility and they have bought a home in Olive Branch. Mrs. Cook said they have a potential to lease additional space in DeSoto County during the next year.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said the citizens of DeSoto County pay a lot of taxes and it is good for companies to hire people from DeSoto County.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a ten year real property tax exemption and a Freeport tax exemption for Grandview Gallery as fully described in Exhibit F.4.a. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.4.a

b. Whitmore Manufacturing-Personal and Freeport

Mr. Flanagan introduced representatives from Whitmore Manufacturing. Dale Cooley of Whitmore Mfg. said they are a fourth generation family owned business and originated in New York. They moved to Earle, Arkansas in 1962. Their facility was severely damaged by a tornado and it was not feasible to rebuild in Arkansas. They looked in other areas and liked what they saw in Southaven. Mr. Cooley said they considered Memphis, but they have residency requirements of 75%. They have Arkansas residents who worked for the company for years and they wanted to bring them with the company. Mr. Cooley said they have begun to hire locally and will continue to hire from DeSoto County when possible.

Mr. Cooley said their company packages and distributes home storage. He said the Southaven location is their headquarters as they moved their entire operation to Southaven. Mr. Cooley said he thinks they have chosen a great area and work force in which to grow their company. He said they have made significant commitment through the lease of the building.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked how Memphis compared to DeSoto County other than the residency requirement. Mr. Cooley said outside of the residency requirement, they still would probably have moved to DeSoto County.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve a 10 year personal property tax exemption and a Freeport tax exemption for Whitmore Manufacturing and as fully described in Exhibit F.4.b. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.4.b

c. Rite Hite Products Corp-Freeport

Rosie McGaughy and Feraz Khan with Rite Hite Products appeared before the Board of Supervisors representing Rite Hite. Mr. Flanagan said that Rite Hite has signed a 13 year lease for a manufacturing facility. They are requesting a Freeport tax exemption. Mr. Khan said he is excited to be in DeSoto County because he lives in Hernando. The company was previously based out of Memphis. They moved from a 120,000 square foot building into approximately 220,000 square feet in DeSoto County. He said they plan to have 120 employees in the next two years. Mr. Khan said they manufacture loading dock equipment. They are considered the world leaders in their market. Mr. Khan said they have a manufacturing facility in Wisconsin and one in China. He said they do everything in the Southaven office.

Ms. McGaughy said they have about 16,000 employees worldwide. She said this will be the manufacturing facility for the company. Currently, they are only making dock levelers and dhl's. In the end, they will be packing everything in the facility. They are making an effort to participate in the community. The reason they came to DeSoto County is because the facility offered by DeSoto County was better for their business.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said the Board of Supervisors appreciates Rite Hite considering re-locating to DeSoto County. He said DeSoto County likes to attract manufacturing facilities. Supervisor Latimer said there is a good vo-tech program in the DeSoto County School systems and the company may want to look into that program.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve a Freeport tax exemption for Rite Hite and as fully described in Exhibit F.4.c. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.4.c

d. Jacobsen Warehouse Company, Inc.-Freeport & Personal

Greg Minnich, General Manager for Jacobsen Warehouse Company appeared before the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Minnich said his company provides third party logistics. They provide warehousing, transportation and logistics for companies such as Ralston Foods. He said the warehouse is 23,000 square feet. Mr. Minnich discussed salaries and said they have an incredible benefits package.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve a Freeport tax exemption and a 10 year personal property tax exemption for Jacobsen Warehouse Company as fully described in Exhibit F.4.d. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit F.4.d

e. Menlo Logistics-Freeport

Heather Ford-Rodriguez and Mary Britt appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request a Freeport tax exemption for Menlo Logistics. They explained their operation and said they use employment services in DeSoto County. Ms. Britt said she has plans to visit the Win Job Center in the near future.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve a Freeport Warehouse tax exemption for Menlo Logistics as fully described in Exhibit F.4.e. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.4.e

f. Bunzl-Freeport & Personal

Chris Vanderbrook of Bunzl appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request a 10 year personal property exemption and a Freeport exemption.

After explaining the business, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve a 10 year personal property tax exemption and Freeport tax exemption for Bunzl, as fully described in Exhibit F.4.f. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.4.f

g. Triton Stone Group-Real & Freeport

Randy Mathis of Triton Stone Group appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request a Freeport and real property tax exemption. Mr. Mathis said they started the company in 2004 in Southaven and sell in the mid south area. He said they bring employees to this facility for training. At the rate they are growing, they feel like they could bring additional jobs in stone cutting in the future.

Supervisor Bill Russell and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve a 10 year real property tax exemption and a Freeport exemption for Triton Stone Group and as fully described in Exhibit F.4.g. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.4.g

h. American Music & Sound-Freeport and Personal

Bill McCall of American Music & Sound appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request a tax exemption. He said their company sells musical equipment and they are growing in this area.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said the Board of Supervisors grants tax exemptions for the benefit of the people of DeSoto County. He would like to encourage giving jobs to taxpayers in DeSoto County. Mr. McCall said that he is confident that his company is committed to that and they have already hired quite a few employees from DeSoto County.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve a ten year personal property tax exemption and a Freeport tax exemption for American Music & Sound as fully described in Exhibit F.4.h. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.4.h

5. Accounting

a. Budget Amendments

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said sometimes the descriptions on the budget amendments do not indicate what the amendment is for. Comptroller Tom Arnold said he added the department name above the line “line item” column in hopes that would provide better information.

Late Bill-Comptroller Tom Arnold presented twelve bills for Deputy Tax Collector bonds in the amount of \$2,040. He said legislation was passed requiring Deputy Tax Collector’s to have a \$50,000 bond each. Mr. Arnold said we will have a few additional bonds later.

b. Claims Docket

The claims docket was presented by Tom Arnold and Stephanie Hanks of the Accounting Department. Ms. Hanks read the items on the claims docket individually and the Board discussed these items.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to pay the late bills in the amount of \$2,040, approve the budget amendments as presented, and authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills on the supplemental claims docket as presented by the Comptroller. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit G.3

6. Board Attorney

a. Tax Collector’s Interlocal Agreement with Cities

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said Brian Dye of the City of Olive Branch asked for an amendment to the Tax Collector Agreement so the Tax Collectors would accept special assessments for cleaning lots. The other cities are asking for the same amendment.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak Law Firm prepare amended interlocal agreements between the cities, the Tax Collector and the County to allow the Tax Collector to collect special assessments for cleaning lots and take all action necessary to have the same approved. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

b. Letter with Space Center Taxes

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said we are in the process of acquiring the property near the existing Space Center. It is actually a ditch. Mr. Nowak said he has a letter of agreement where Millennium agrees to pay all taxes on the property. Mr. Nowak said there are some special assessments that cannot be waived. He said this is the same property the Board previously discussed.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the letter of agreement as recommended by the Board Attorney for the additional property at Space Center and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.6.b

c. Starlanding RR Overpass – Request of Laby Rosenblum

Supervisor Allen Latimer said that Mr. and Mrs. Rosenblum live near the Starlanding Railroad track. They have respiratory problems. During the construction of the project, they said there was a lot of dirt that drifted into their house. Mr. Rosenblum believes it is the county's responsibility to clean the dirt from the house. Supervisor Latimer said the Board Attorney Tony Nowak has looked into the situation and does not believe the county can legally do that work.

Mr. Nowak said it is impossible to establish where the dust came from and he does not see how the Rosenblum's can determine that dirt and dust in their home, to the levels they assert, came from the project.

Supervisor Latimer said the project construction hauled in a lot of dirt and they also hauled it out of the area. He asked if we should write for an Attorney General's opinion on this issue.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said every time road work is done, there is dirt being disturbed. He said he sympathizes with the Rosenblum's, but he does not know how the Board can justify their request. He said if you do it in this situation you have to do it for every one.

Mr. Nowak said the Attorney General said if the landowner has proof that the project caused the problem, they could move the property owner out during the construction and move them back in later. The Rosenblum's did not ask to do that.

Supervisor Latimer said because the Rosenblum's did not move during the project, it saved the county a lot of money. He said, at the Rosenblum's age, he is sure they would not want to move from their home.

Mr. Nowak asked if the Rosenblum's have any proof that the project caused the problem.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to hold this item over until January 6, 2010. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

d. Starlanding RR Overpass – CNIC Invoice

Board Attorney Tony Nowak discussed bills from CNIC in connection with the Starlanding Railroad project. Mr. Nowak said he identified certain portions of the bills that he did not see how the county was responsible for, but he discussed these with Railroad and received information which resolved his concerns. He said he then reviewed different costs on the invoice with the Railroad. There were a number of times the railroad sent people to work on the project and they did not bill the county. Mr. Nowak said he agrees with Andy Swims, County Engineer, and Pickering Engineering that the bills are accurate. He said if the issue is not resolved by the end of the year, the railroad is asserting that it cannot charge the old salvage value for the rails resulting in more money due from the County. Mr. Nowak said he believes the invoices are owed by the county.

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked about the people who worked and the county was not billed. Mr. Swims said that Supervisor, John Denney and another supervisor, spent a lot of time on the project and the county was not billed for their time.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the balance owed will come from the road budget between the contingency money in the project and the balance of the bill. Road Manager Russell Dorris said yes.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve payment to CNIC Railroad for their work on the Starlanding Railroad and authorized the Clerk to write the check in the amount of \$18,931.39. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

e. Agreement with Mississippi Select Health Care

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the county is terminating the prior agreement for inmate medical care with BMS. He said the new agreement with SAS, aka MSHC is similar to the previous agreement. They will audit the bills and negotiate discounts with providers. He said under the new agreement, the county will pay \$10 per inmate per day.

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the county can terminate the agreement with BMS and recommended the SAS agreement will be in place of BMS.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said we were sending inmates to local doctors and BMS was not paying the bills. He said he believes this will work out with the new company.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve an agreement with SAS, aka MSHC for inmate medical service and to terminate the agreement with BMS. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.6.e

7. Sheriff’s Dept./Aviation: Naval Surface Warfare Agreement (Night Vision Goggles) Approve Trey Manning to Sign

Board Attorney Tony Nowak said the agreement with Naval Surface Warfare is an annual contract with the Navy. The Navy allows the county to lease night vision goggles at a big discount.

Sheriff Bill Rasco said this is a great benefit to the Sheriff’s Department.

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the agreement with the Navy for Naval Surface Warfare Agreement (Night Vision Goggles) and to authorize Trey Manning of the DeSoto County Aviation Department to sign the agreement. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.7

8. Purchasing: Bids Under Advisement: Annual Bids

a. Culverts 8”-48”

See motion.

b. Culverts 54”- 96”

See motion.

c. Limestone & Rip Rap

See motion.

d. Sand & Gravel

See motion.

e. Pharmacy Supplies

Vanessa Lynchard said based on usage, Matrix Medical is the lowest bid. She said there would be a 1.62% decrease if the usage remains the same for one year.

At the recommendation of the Purchase Clerk, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the lowest and best bid with Matrix Medical as detailed in Exhibit F.8.e. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.8.e

f. Gasoline & Diesel

At the recommendation of Purchase Clerk Vanessa Lynchard, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to hold over items “a” through “f” with the exception of item “e” until January 4, 2010. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

g. Sole Source-Election Commission

Vanessa Lynchard presented a letter to the Election Commission from Election Systems & Software. ES&S is the sole and exclusive manufacturer of the voting machine software. The Election Commission is requesting a software upgrade.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to authorize Election Systems & Software as a Sole Source for the purchase of software for the voting machines. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit F.8.g

9. NACo Prescription Drug Program Report

Vanessa Lynchard presented a report on the NACo Discount Prescription Drug Program that was implemented in DeSoto County earlier this year. Vanessa said the prescriptions have slightly decreased probably because of the holiday season when people do not fill their prescriptions.

Vanessa said the program is very beneficial to taxpayers in the county and we will continue to advertise the program aggressively. She said that in November, 2009, the cost for the program was \$4,500 which is a price savings of \$11,304, which was one of the highest in the state. She said that in the past two months, two other counties have contacted the Administrative Office to inquire about how to join the program. She said it a very successful program and helps many people.

See Exhibit F.9

10. Bakersfield Subdivision – Request to Overlay

County Engineer Andy Swims said that developer Barry Bridgforth is asking the county to permit him to overlay the Bakersfield Subdivision. He said there are 31 lots in the subdivision and he is asking to put the asphalt on the interior lots. He said that 52% is complete. Without the homes on the exterior road he is 66% complete with the subdivision. Mr. Swims said he recommended approval of this request.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the engineer’s recommendation to allow the developer to overlay the interior roads in the Bakersfield Subdivision. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES
Supervisor Bill Russell-----YES

Supervisor Allen Latimer-----YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

See Exhibit F.10

11. Planning Dept.-Approve Board President to Sign EDA Grant Application

Gina Tynan of the Planning Department said the Planning Commission has been working on a grant application for the I-69 Corridor which would be a \$150,000 grant with a \$150,000 match for a total of \$300,000.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the grant application and letter and to pledge the money as available to match the grant. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

I. OTHER ISSUES

1. Homestead Exemption Supplemental Roll

At the recommendation of the Chancery Clerk, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Allen Latimer seconded the motion to approve the Homestead Exemption Supplemental Roll as follows:

		No.	Value	Value	Regular	Additional	Municipal	
	Parcel	of	of	of	Value	Value	\$ Amount	
Name	Number	Acre	Land	Building	Allowed	Allowed	Exempt	Reason for Adjustment
Stronski, Joseph et ux	2063 0703 6.00	1.87	3,500	16,512				Tax Assessor Changed Landowner name in error
Miller, Helen D etvir	1079 3111 10.00	Lot						Deleted in error
Brown, Willie	1078 3420 7.00							Mapping error
	1078 3420 6.00							
	1078 3420 8.00							
	1078 3420 4.00							
	1078 3420 3.00							

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

2. Park Fund-District 5

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to authorize an allocation of \$15,000 to the Hernando Youth Sports Association from the District 5 Park Fund. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

See Exhibit I.2

3. TVA Board-Request for Recommendation

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that the Board has received a letter from Randy Kelley of the Three Rivers Planning and Development District. Supervisor Lewis said Mr. Kelley wants to serve on the TVA Board and is asking for a resolution of support.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the County Administrator to write a letter of support for Randy Kelley for the TVA Board. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

Supervisor Allen Latimer made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to recess the meeting until January 4, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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

THIS the 21st day of December, 2009, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors