

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ALLEN LATIMER, PRESIDENT 2008 PRESIDING

September 29, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The September 29, 2008 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Allen Latimer, 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
Jody Neyman -----Board Attorney
Sheriff Bill Rasco-----Sheriff

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CONSENT

The Board of Supervisors considered the items presented on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Accounting

a. Request to Transfer Funds

From:	Chancery Court Administrator Fund	\$4,492.92	(012-900-951)
From:	County court Administrator Fund	\$4,366.77	(013-900-951)
To:	General Fund	\$8,859.69	(156-000-387)

b. Approval for Interfund Loan

From:	General County Fund	001-000-054	\$42,000.00
To:	DCAOP Fund	029-000-149	\$42,000.00

c. Constables' Fees

Joe Holmes	\$5,669.30	Liz Medlin	\$3,631.20	Jason Motz	\$4,559.86
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- 2. Chancery Clerk Allowance (2) - \$1,666.66 \$1,500.00**
- 3. Circuit Clerk Allowance (2) - \$5,871.00 \$4,790.00**

4. Election Commission

- a. Petitions of Candidacy**
- b. Dept. of Justice Clearance to Relocate Love Precinct**

5. Metro Narcotics

a. Declaration of Forfeiture to Inventory

Kenny Taylor - Gray 1988 Pontiac Sunbird, VIN # 1G2J011K9J7539633
 Kenny Taylor – Red 1976 Chevrolet Malibu VIN # 1D37V6R497247
 Alan Escobedo – 1999 Chevrolet Suburban VIN # 3GNEC16R4XG168651

b. Approval to Declare Various Items Surplus and Auction

6. Street Crimes - Declaration of Forfeiture to Inventory

Vincent Pacetti – Oneal Trailer SN# 1Z9BU101X8B331157
 Vincent Pacetti – Apple MAC Computer SN# W874814HX8A (Screen and Keyboard) (used)
 Vincent Pacetti – VIZIO HDTV 32 inch SN# LSPBABH3901427, (used)
 Vincent Pacetti – Sylvania TV 32 inch SN# V12617870, Model # 6432GG (used)
 Charles Howard – 2005 Jeep Liberty VIN# 1J4GK15W548853, Milage – 91,564
 Michael McCormack – 1998 Honda Accord VIN# 1HGCG5652WA132352, Milage-75,032

7. Grants Administration

- a. PetFinder Grant (No match)**
- b. Closeout CDBG Grant**
- c. Home Grant Application Denied**
- d. Sheriff’s Dept. – Accept Grant with Office of Justice Programs**
- e. Youth Court – Victim Witness Program**

8. Make Part of Minutes

- a. Agreement with the City of Olive Branch for Slurry Projects**
- b. Engineering Services Agreement**
- c. State Aid Engineering Services Agreement**
- d. Independent Contractor Agreement**
- e. EMS – Agreement with Jackson State University - CDID Program**
- f. NRCS Projects Nos.: 68-4423-8-1792 and 68-4483-8-1793**

9. Safety Officer’s Report

10. Dept. of Road Management - School Bus Turnaround

Lisa Denman 8511 Sandidge Road Olive Branch 901-491-0994

11. IT Dept. – Support Agreement w/Data Systems Management for Justice Court

12. Inventory Control Dispositions – Final

a. IT Dept.

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
8149	23AAGH9	IBM PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
730040	0174001	IBM Printer	Broken	I.T. Dept.
8171	2348212	IBM Terminal	Broken	I.T. Dept.
35580	AC4408D00700	Classic Camera	Broken	I.T. Dept.
30807	25315600001	Micron PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
31120	2856447001	Micron PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
31252	0024299479	Gateway PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
730058	2347267	IBM Terminal	Broken	I.T. Dept.
30863	27911860001	Micron PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
8152	2115816	IBM Monitor	Broken	I.T. Dept.
6083	3613801	IBM Monitor	Broken	I.T. Dept.
33471	HNDH341	Dell PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
33412	723LP31	Dell PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
33397	5KMCN31	Dell Tower	Broken	I.T. Dept.
30519	0014975485	HP Printer	Broken	I.T. Dept.
30808	MY06L1C156	HP Deskjet Prt	Broken	I.T. Dept.
36709	DR20258000085	Dlink Switch	Broken	I.T. Dept.
32154	0024433136	Gateway PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
35567	MJ19HCJX925717	Samsung LCD	Broken	I.T. Dept.
33396	GJMCN31	Dell PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
36525	720ZTZY	Lexmark E234	Broken	I.T. Dept.
30504	SG960130Q0	HP Printer	Broken	I.T. Dept.
31252	0024299479	Gateway PC	Broken	I.T. Dept.
34121	E85Z3B60995V	Proview Monitor	Broken	I.T. Dept.
31395	1540SBC25602413	KDS Monitor	Broken	I.T. Dept.
287	ESA6AO3893	HP Plotter	Broken	I.T. Dept.

b. Dept. of Emergency Services

Asset #	Serial #	Description	Reason for Disposal	Location at Preliminary
30337	4077348	Gateway PC	Broken/parts only	EMA Ofc.
31032	21793704	Pentium PC	Broken	EMA Ofc.
33319	3181355	Gateway PC	Broken/parts only	EMA Ofc.
30415	14935936	Gateway PC	Broken	EMS Ofc.
33328	n/a	Homelite Chainsaw	Broken	EMA Ofc.
1066	9995900	GE Low Band Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
5024	n/a	Uniden Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
31183	10700385	Kenwood Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
31184	11003157	Kenwood Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
31186	90600183	Kenwood Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
31187	6008040	Kenwood Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
31237	60700532	Kenwood Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
33080	402AWU5129XW3	Motorola H/H Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
33084	402AXJ0846Z	Motorola H/H Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
33085	402AUY8071Z	Motorola H/H Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
33086	402AUSO459X	Motorola H/H Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.
33087	402AUY8089Z	Motorola H/H Radio	Parts only	EMA Ofc.

13. Sheriff’s Dept. - Accept 2 Restricted Donations for School Resources Officers

14. Data Systems Mgt. – Renew Software Contract for Justice Court Software

15. Human Resources – Copyplus Agreement for Copier

16. Planning Commission – Authorization – Jim McDougal and Connie Scott to Sign Purchase Requisitions for the following accounts:

001-344 Environmental Services	001-107 Planning Commission	001-108 Transportation Planning
105-340 Garbage & Solid Waste	Household Garbage	
105-341 Garbage & Solid Waste	Rubbish Pit	

Remove Jim Bearden from the following accounts:

105-340 Garbage & Solid Waste	Household Garbage
105-341 Garbage & Solid Waste	Rubbish Pit

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

See Exhibit D

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission Audit Report

Planning Director Jim McDougal and Comptroller Tom Arnold presented a copy of the audit report from the outside auditors of the Planning Commission financial records. Mr. McDougal said there is a discrepancy of approximately \$5,500 which is accounting errors for returned checks. He said the amount that was “over-settled” was paid the county by the Planning Commission, but was not properly accounted for to reflect the returned checks. Mr. McDougal said this issue has occurred for several years.

Mr. Arnold said, they created a new cash journal entry to prevent and control the issue on the front end in order to account for all money. Mr. Arnold said that everything should match up in the future.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion for the county to accept the \$5,500 from the Planning Commission to correct bookkeeping errors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.1**

2. Election Commission – Contract for Moving Equipment

Election Commissioner Tina Hill appeared before the Board of Supervisors about the upcoming election. She said that moving the equipment to the precincts is huge job especially for the big, upcoming election. Ms. Hill said they use two gentlemen to move the equipment and the Board of Supervisors will need to agree with the contract. She also requested that the contract be ongoing so that it does not have to be brought before the Board each year.

Board Attorney Jody Neyman said the Board will need enter into a contract with the movers, if the Board wishes to employ the persons recommended by the Election Commission.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested that Ms. Hill could use the trustees if they need more than two people to help move the equipment. Ms. Hill said that would be helpful and appreciated. Supervisor Medlin asked if the people who move the equipment are the same ones that pick up the signs. Ms. Hill said yes.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak Law Firm to work on the

contract with the persons hired to move the election equipment to the precincts and for the contract to expire at the end of this Board’s term. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Accounting

a. Audit Report for Year Ended September 30, 2007

Comptroller Tom Arnold presented the audit report for year ending September 30, 2007. He said it was a very good report with no findings at all which is a tribute to everyone who works in the county.

Supervisor Allen Latimer thanked Mr. Arnold for such a good report.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the audit report for year ending September 30, 2007. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.3.a**

b. Supplemental Claims Docket

Supervisor Allen Latimer asked about the amount of \$48,033 listed on page 12 of the docket. The Board Attorney said it was for a lawsuit for that amount which the county has a \$50,000 deductible.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked about the insurance listed on pages 59 and 62. Mr. Arnold said it is for worker’s compensation and is broken down by department.

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 Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller. 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 F.3.b

4. Advertising County Resources – Hernando Music & Heritage Festival

County Administrator Michael Garriga said the Board of Supervisors usually provides sponsorship to the Hernando Music and Heritage Festival. He presented a letter from Brian Goff, Festival Coordinator, requesting a contribution for the Festival in the amount of \$3,500.

After having determined that the request to advertise county resources met the guidelines of the policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to advertise DeSoto County Resources by contributing \$3,500 to the Hernando Music & Heritage Festival. 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. The motion passed by a unanimous motion as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----YES
Supervisor Bill Russell-----NO

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

5. Appoint Commissioner to Mental Health Commission

County Administrator Michael Garriga presented a letter from the Executive Director of Communicare, Michael Roberts. Mr. Garriga said that the DeSoto County Commissioner on the North Mississippi Commission on Mental Health is very ill. The Commission is the governing body for Communicare. He said that Mr. James Sims, the Commissioner, became chronically ill this spring and is now in a nursing home. Mr. Garriga said it is likely that Mr. Sims will not recover sufficiently enough to perform his duties as Commissioner. He said Mr. Sims asked Mr. Garriga to pass the information to the Board of Supervisors and to think of someone who can fill Mr. Sims' post.

Mr. Garriga said the Commission covers a 6 to 7 county region and they meet monthly in Oxford. He said that Mr. Sims said, most people appointed to the Commission, have an interest in treatment of mental health illness and/or substance abuse. Mr. Sims letter said that experience in public administration such as local government and schools or health care is helpful in executing the duties of the Commissioner. Mr. Garriga said they are paid \$40 per meeting and mileage is reimbursed. He said, as we all know there are serious mental health issues in the county and the mental issues in the jail are at an all time high.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Mr. Garriga or anyone else knew of anyone to fill the post. Mr. Garriga said no. He said a medical professional, counselor or a member of the Board of Supervisors can fill the post.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that Pat Sylvester at the Health Department may be interested and asked Mr. Garriga to contact her.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he and the Board certainly hopes that Mr. Sims improves.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to allow the County Administrator to contact Pat Sylvester at the Health Department to see if she interested in filling the post with the North Mississippi Commission on Mental Health. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.5**

6. CDBG Project – Signalization at Hacks Cross/Stateline Roads

County Administrator Michael Garriga said that in 2003 the Board entered an MOU with Trex for certain incentives and improvements at that location. He said that \$75,000 is for utility improvements and \$100,000 for a rail spur. Mr. Garriga said the needs never surfaced. He said that he and Supervisor Jessie Medlin met with the City of Olive Branch recently and the city wants to take the \$175,000 and commit it to a traffic signal at Hacks Cross and Stateline Roads. Mr. Garriga said that he talked to the Board Attorney about releasing the county from the commitment and execute an addendum to be released from the MOU and then commit the money to Hacks Cross and Stateline Roads signal.

Supervisor Medlin said it has been brought up before that usually county money goes toward road improvements. He said we didn't do that on Stateline because Trex came in and Stateline is also in Tennessee. Mr. Garriga said he has met with Mayor Wharton regarding the situation. There are five lanes in Mississippi narrowing to two lanes in Tennessee and Stateline now runs to the east and it is the worst intersection in town.

Supervisor Bill Russell asked Mr. Garriga if the previous Board had an agreement or contract. Mr. Garriga said there was an agreement but he would have to defer to legal about an executed contract. Supervisor Russell said there is no doubt we need a contract. Mr. Garriga said he could not find where it was executed, but he believes the county does owe the \$75,000 to Olive Branch. He said the rail spur will not be needed and according to the Board

minutes, the county is obligated for that money. Supervisor Russell said he thinks it is needed and the county should help, but wants to carry it over until October 6th.

Supervisor Medlin said that Gerald Clifton was the Board President when this started and the entire intersection with Tennessee was over \$300,000. He said that Mayor Rikard said the contract with MDA held them up on funding so they need approval pretty quickly.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to carry this item over until October 6th.

Supervisor Thach asked how much we are legally obligated for. Supervisor Allen Latimer said he has no doubt the county is obligated for \$75,000. Mr. Garriga said, in his mind, we can use \$100,000 since no rail spur is needed and MDA should release the county and it should be okay. Supervisor Thach if the county still has the money. Mr. Garriga said no. Supervisor Medlin said he thought it was set aside. Supervisor Lewis said he thought the money and other project money was set aside. Supervisor Russell said that is not what the motion is and the decision should be postponed until everything is settled. Supervisor Thach said it should be researched and brought back to the Board.

Supervisor Latimer said the motion is to carry this item over until October 6th. 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-----NO

7. Sheriff’s Department

a. Accept Seized Funds From Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics

Board Attorney Jody Neyman said that a drug money seizure occurred last year by the MDOT with the assistance of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department Metro Narcotics and the City of Hernando. A court hearing was held and the Court determined that the county was entitled to receive \$132,191.00 from the forfeiture. Mr. Neyman stated that the City of Hernando and Metro Narcotics is also entitled to receive a portion of those funds pursuant to an interlocal agreement. Mr. Nowak is presently discussing this issue with the City. Mr. Neyman state that of the \$132,191.00, DeSoto County is entitled to receive at least \$118,971.90 to be set aside to Sheriff’s Department to be used for equipment and training only other; however, \$13,219.10 is to be divided between the Sheriff’s Department, City of Hernando and Metro Narcotics.

Mr. Neyman stated the monies must be paid into the County General Fund but can only be used by the Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Rasco stated that he understood the funds can only be used by the Sheriff’s Department for equipment and training only. It cannot be applied to salaries or personnel benefits. Mr. Neyman stated that the Sheriff’s understanding is correct.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to prepare an order authorizing the Comptroller to accept the \$132,191.00 from the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and of those funds \$118,971.90 should go into the general county fund to be set aside to Sheriff’s Department to be used for equipment and training only and the county hold the remaining \$1,219.00 in trust pending an agreement with the County, Metro Narcotics and the City of Hernando distribution. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

b. Donation of Surplus Property

Board Attorney Jody Neyman said that Sheriff Bill Rasco contacted his office about donating old uniforms to other law enforcement agencies in Mississippi and in Louisiana. Sheriff Rasco said that Alcorn State University and Mount Bayou Police Department had contacted his office along with two Louisiana law enforcement agencies, whose equipments was destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Ike who requested the old uniforms.

Mr. Neyman said, under Mississippi Law, the county can make donations to in state agencies at no cost. Mr. Neyman said he was not sure if the county could make a donation to an out of state agency. He thought they had to be sold at fair market value if the item's value was over \$100. He stated they could be sold at a private sale if the value was under \$100.00. Mr. Neyman requested the Board allow him the opportunity to research the procedures to donate surplus properties to other agencies, and if they can legally donate surplus property donated to them, to out of state agencies. .

Supervisor Allen Latimer said he would agree to donate items to Alcorn State University and Mount Bayou, but thinks we should donate in our state first.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to check into donation requirements to entities out of state and report back his findings to the Board on October 6th. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

H. OTHER ISSUES

1. Emergency Services

Director of Emergency Services Bobby Storey introduced Chris Olsen, the new Deputy Director. He said the county is very fortunate to have Mr. Olsen. He said that Mr. Olsen worked for MEMA and is very knowledgeable and willing to help wherever he is needed. The Supervisors welcomed Mr. Olsen to the county.

2. Budget Amendment - Jail Medical Fees

Comptroller Tom Arnold said we were \$58,000.38 over budget. He said that it was in jail medical cost. Mr. Arnold said that Donna Ford does an excellent job of tracking and moving the money. He requested a budget amendment to move \$58,001.00 out of ending cash to the general fund.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve a budget amendment moving \$58,001.00 out of ending cash to the general fund. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit H.2**

3. Grants- District 3 Ball Field

Grants Administrator Joyce Herring said there is a grant available to replace the light poles and lights at the ball field in Walls on Highway 301. The grant is the Baseball of Tomorrow Grant and it is for \$50,000 and the deadline to apply is October 1st. Ms. Herring said she needed a letter of support from the Board and authorization to apply for the grant. She said the field is also used for girls' soft ball from March through August. The grant is 50/50 and some in-kind service as well.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to apply for the Baseball of Tomorrow Grant and authorization for the board to write a letter of support. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Health and Wellness Center

Supervisor Bill Russell said the Health and Wellness Center is moving to the City of Southaven building. Southaven did the build out. They need about \$6,000 and can move completely out of the library. County Administrator Michael Garriga said he talked to the Board Attorney and there is a Local and Private that allows the county to give them the office, but nothing to give money to a particular organization. Mr. Garriga said we may can commit to labor. Supervisor Russell said the \$6,000 is for plumbing fixtures and light fixtures. Kenny has done as much as he can do.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue.

5. Driver's License Office – Olive Branch

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he would like to write a letter to Public Safety about the Drivers' License office in Olive Branch in the Maxwell Building. He said he has never heard of an office being short of help most of the time like it is in Olive Branch. He said they also close for lunch because there are not enough employees to remain open. He said the county owns the building and just bought new chairs. Supervisor Medlin said the staff does not treat the citizens the way that county employees treat citizens. He said a gentleman called him that had just moved to Olive Branch from Spring, TX. He was trying to transfer his drivers' license and the office staff told him that cut off for transfers was 4:30p.m. He had taken off of work and asked the staff if there was someone he could call and she said no. Supervisor Medlin said he thinks the county should write a letter and request the office be kept open and the staff to be more courteous.

Supervisor Allen Latimer said that was the gentleman's first impression of DeSoto County.

Supervisor Medlin said he talked to the gentleman on Saturday afternoon and apologized for there not being enough employees. The gentleman said his wife had been to the tag office and it was a different world. Supervisor Eugene Thach said we should allow the County Administrator to take a letter down there. Supervisor Medlin said the gentleman said he will call two Supervisors.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to send a letter to Public Safety about the under-staffing of the Drivers' License office in Olive Branch and the treatment of citizens. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Supervisor Medlin said he thinks it should be properly staffed since the county pays for the utilities and furnishes the building.

6. Planning Commission

Planning Director Jim McDougal said this Thursday night Jimmy Covington of the DeSoto Appeal will present the demographics of the county, continuing education and popular trends.

7. Bouchillon Institute Fall Planning Seminar

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to attend the Bouchillon Institute Fall Planning Seminar. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Southaven Band Boosters Club – Band Competition

Supervisor Allen Latimer said that over 10,000 people attended last years Southaven Band Boosters Club band competition and they are holding it again in a couple of weeks. He said the visitors contribute to DeSoto County restaurants, motels, shopping and it is good advertising for the county. Supervisor Latimer asked if the county can contribute \$1,000 to the Booster Club. County Administrator Michael Garriga said the county would have to receive some kind of recognition at the event. He said advertising in the Booster Club program or viewed banner or public display would be necessary.

This item was carried over until October 6th.

9. Chancery Clerk - Vehicles

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said that the Dodge Dealership had called and said they have Dodge pickup trucks cheaper than state contract.

10. Tax Collector – Tax Sale

Mr. Davis said that in August, 2006 there were 17,042 parcels sold in the tax collector's sale, August, 2007 there were 23,045 parcels and in August, 2008 there were 36,079 parcels. He said that number has doubled since August, 2006 and the county is getting their money. The investors are still buying.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said, if mortgage companies are not paying taxes, the homeowner may not know. Mr. Davis said, the third year the taxes are not paid, our office sends a certified letter to the landowner. He said maybe we could send a courtesy card. Supervisor Lewis asked how much time after the certified letter is sent out. Mr. Davis said 180 days. Supervisor Lewis asked if delinquent taxes are on the web site and Mr. Davis said yes.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this matter.

11. Bank Funds

County Administrator Michael Garriga said, Supervisor Latimer asked him to check on county funds, in light of the national financial crisis. Mr. Garriga said he researched and the county funds are 100% secured and collateralized above \$100,000. Supervisor Latimer said he appreciated Mr. Garriga checking on the county funds and easing everyone's mind.

12. Stateline Road

Board Attorney Jody Neyman said that in 1989 the county received a right of way for the Roche's property to the center line of Stateline Road and it was recently brought to the attention of the county that instead of donating a 40 foot strip to the center line, the owners apparently donated a 4.91 acre tract to the county. Mr. Neyman stated the Deed was not prepared by the county, but by the Roche's family attorney. He stated that it appears that the Roche's conveyed too much property to the county. Mr. Neyman said his office needs to look into the situation to see if there is a title problem.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to look into the matter of the Roche's easement and if there was to title problem to it. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

13. Highway 305 Property Acquisition

At the recommendation Board Attorney Jody Neyman, Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the paperwork to be signed and executed for the sale of property to MDOT for right of way on Highway 305 in August, 2008 in the amount of \$54,200. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting until October 6, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 29th day of September 2008, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Allen Latimer, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors