

# **MINUTES**

February 18, 2025

Bay Springs, MS

Present were Eddie Helms, Sandy Stephens, Doug Rogers, Randy Corley, Jon R. Jones, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Cindy Hendry, Randy Plowden, Kevin Tally, Donald Brown, Kelby King, Hudson Jenkins, Adam Gambrell, and Carol Evans

## **9:00 – Kelby King MS State Ext Memphis 4-H National Trip Item #12**

- 1.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of February 18, 2025.
- 2.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for February 2025.
- 3.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of engagement letter from McDuff, Wolfe, and Oppie to begin the financial audit for Fiscal Year 2023.
- 4.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve rental agreement with Pitney Bowes for a new postage machine for the Paulding Courthouse for 60 months at a rate of \$127.97 per month effective March 30, 2025 and expiring on March 29, 2030.
- 5.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Hudson Jenkins and Douglas Kelly to attend the Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Course to be held in Choctaw, MS March 31- April 4.

- 6.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for all five supervisors, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Cindy Henry, Aaron Jordan, Randy Plowden, and Billy Rayner to attend the 2025 MAPDD Conference to be held on April 22-25, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.
- 7.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for all five supervisors, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Cindy Hendry, Aaron Jordan, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Butch Swales, and Randy Plowden to attend the 2025 Mississippi Association of Supervisors annual conference to be held on June 10-12, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.
- 8.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sheriff Randy Johnson to attend the 2025 Mississippi Sheriff's Association summer conference to be held on June 2-6, 2025.
- 9.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve 2025 RAM 1500 Laramie Crew Cab 4x4, VIN 1C6SRFJP8SN547575, as an unmarked vehicle for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department due to the fact that he is frequently requested to visit homes and asked to arrive in an "unmarked" vehicle. A list of the current "unmarked" vehicles for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department will be attached to this board order with further reasoning.
- 10.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$2,175.00 for the purchase of Virtual Academy for 29 users to be billed annually for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 11.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to accept resignation from Josie Gardner, Deputy Chancery Clerk, effective February 21, 2025.

- 12.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment not to exceed \$500.00 for MS State Extension to rent a car from Cars Plus to attend the Mid-South 4-H Food Pantry in Memphis, TN, February 28- March 2, 2025, and all other travel and expenses to be paid by credit card.
- 13.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$1,200.00 made payable to Alford Realty for an appraisal of the Palestine Voting Precinct Building to be paid out of general county funds.
- 14.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve utility permit application for Matthews-Moss Water Association to construct PVC and HDPE Waterlines on CR 8.
- 15.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve lease purchase agreement with Magnolia State Bank in the amount of \$645,000.00 at a rate of 4.63% for 48 months for the purchase of three (3) 2025 Kenworth T280 Dump Trucks for Beat 2 as previously approved by the purchase clerk.
- 16.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve lease purchase agreement with Magnolia State Bank in the amount of \$460,000.00 at a rate of 4.63% for 48 months for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Kenworth T280 Dump Trucks for Beat 5 as previously approved by the purchase clerk.
- 17.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve pay rate raise in the amount of \$20.00 per hour for Lee Arthur Martin and Craig Moss effective today, February 18, 2025.
- 18.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise in the amount of \$1.00 per hour for Robert Triplet, Beat 5, effective today, February 18, 2025.

- 19.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve making permanent transfers from general county in the amounts of \$300,000.00 to the Solid Waste fund and \$55,000.00 to the Ambulance Fund.
- 20.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve request from Economic Development District to fund an expansion for the Hol-Mac Corporation as a loan with a 3.25% interest rate and an administration fee of .25%.
- 21.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve Resolution for Hol-Mac to receive a Mississippi Existing Industry Loan after a public hearing was held on January 21, 2025 and no objections were heard.
- 22.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to temporarily terminate Bolivia Higginbotham as janitor at Stringer Nutrition Center and to employ Charlotte Parker as part-time janitor in the absence of Bolivia Higginbotham and to pay Charlotte Parker at the same rate of pay as Bolivia Higginbotham.
- 23.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

**DISCUSSION:**

- **Appoint additional committee member for ECPDD**