

MINUTES

April 7, 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, Daniel Russum, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Styron Keller, Kevin Tally, Hudson Jenkins, Geneva Williams, and Carol Evans

9:00 – None

10:00 – Bid Opening for Palestine Voting Precinct- No Bids were received

- 1.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Jasper County Jail Meal Logs for March 2025.
- 2.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of April 7, 2025.
- 3.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes for March 2025.
- 4.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of land redemption collection report for February, 2025 as provided by the Chancery Clerk, Sharon King.
- 5.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve tax assessment changes per exhibits provided by Katrice Campbell, Tax Assessor.
- 6.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to take under advisement the application for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Leaf River Energy Center, LLC for tax year 2025 and to address it at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

- 7.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Hope McCullum to attend the Justice Court Clerks Spring Conference to be held on May 14-16, 2025 in Ridgeland, MS.
- 8.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Daniel Gilmore to attend the Mississippi Constables Association Convention to be held on June 8-13, 2025 in Gulfport, MS and payment in the amount of \$450.00.
- 9.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Katrice Campbell to attend the 96th annual MACA Summer conference for Mississippi Assessors and Collectors Association Conference to be held on June 23-26, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.
- 10.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve amending order dated October 21, 2024 approving travel and expenses for Joseph White to attend the Firearm Course to allow Joe Blakeney to attend instead, for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department; Payment for this course has been made.
- 11.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel, expenses, and payment of registration fees for all five Supervisors, William R. Ruffin, and Sharon King to attend the 90th annual NACO Conference and Expo in Philadelphia, PA from July 10-15, 2025.
- 12.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$350.00 for 2025 membership dues for Hope McCullum and Jamie McCullough for Mississippi Justice Court Clerk Association.
- 13.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve salary increase for Tamara Fulgham, Second Chancery Court District Court Reporter, in the amount of \$76,800.00 annually, Jasper County's portion being 3/7, effective July 1, 2025 per Judge Robert M. Logan's signed order dated March 26, 2025.

- 14.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise for Patricia Gabriele in the amount of \$18.47 per hour effective March 29, 2025 for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 15.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve part-time employment of Ricky McDevitt at a rate of \$23.59 per hour, Beat 2, effective April 1, 2025.
- 16.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfer in the amount of \$9,981.00 from the accounts payable fund to the EMSOF fund account.
- 17.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to the Jasper County Extension Homemaker's Council in support of the Jasper County Health Fair to be held on April 16, 2025.
- 18.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve quote in the amount of \$57,500.00 received from Woolwine Ford, for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford Truck Transit Wagon for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department as previously accepted by the Purchase Clerk, to be paid by commissary funds.
- 19.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$714.00 made payable to Butler Snow for services rendered though February 28, 2025 on Claim ID 24F39M497967, Cellular South V. Jasper County.
- 20.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$224.99 and any applicable shipping charges made payable to Wilson's Saw & Outdoor Power for the purchase of one (1) Stihl 16" Chainsaw for the Rose Hill VFD, to be paid out of HB603 funds.

- 21.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$518.00 and any applicable shipping charges made payable to Trucker's Supply Co for the purchase of one (1) M18 Fuel Sawzall and one (1) M18 Redlithium XC5.0 Resistant Battery for the Rose Hill VFD to be paid out of HB603 funds.
- 22.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve change order for project no. JSCBS-103-24 to add the following roads; CR 3510 B in Beat 5, CR 35 Pipe Repair in Beat 5, and W & E Segrest Avenue in Beat 3.
- 23.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$179,082.00 made payable to Chris Albritton Construction for project no. JSCBS-103-24 (Beat 1) to be paid out of Beat One's HB603 funds.
- 24.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$11,206.74 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for project no JSCBS-103-24 (Beat 1) to be paid out of Beat One's HB603 funds.
- 25.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$370,088.40 made payable to MAGCO Construction for project no. ERBR-31(01), SA31-96, 97, 100, and 102 on CR 24 to be paid out of ERBR funds.
- 26.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$32,025.66 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for project no. ERBR-31(01), SA31-96, 97, 100, and 102 on CR 24 to be paid out of ERBR funds.
- 27.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$252,116.50 made payable to NL Carson Construction for project no. ERBR-31(02), SA31-50 & 052 on CR 16 to be paid out of ERBR funds.

- 28.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$21,624.00 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for project no. ERBR-31(02), SA31-50 & 052 on CR 16 to be paid out of ERBR funds.
- 29.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve creation of new road, as numbered County Road 52861, a public road in Bay Springs in Beat 1, after a committee consisting of Doug Rogers and Jon R. Jones met and determined that there are enough existing freeholders and a need for such and for this road to be added to the Jasper County Road register.
- 30.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve appointing Alan Buffington as prosecutor for Justice Court case, Ronnie Musgrove V. Burns McFarland, after order signed by Judge Marvin Jones was entered into the record allowing the county prosecutor, Joseph Sims, to recuse himself from the case.
- 31.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to declare April “Clean-up” month.
- 32.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve proclamation of emergency due to storms that occurred on the morning of April 6, 2025.
- 33.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the 2024 Annual Bridge Maintenance Report received from Clark Engineer’s.
- 34.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve going into closed session to discuss whether or not there is a need to go into executive session to discuss Beaver Meadow VFD Contract litigation issue.
- 35.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss Beaver Meadow VFD Contract litigation issue.

- 36.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve closing executive session with no action.
- 37.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve going into closed session to discuss whether or not there is a need to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue involving Solid Waste and Justice Court.
- 38.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue involving Solid Waste and Justice Court.
- 39.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve closing executive session with no action taken during executive session.
- 40.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve the following personnel changes effective April 11, 2025:
- Jamie McCullough, Full-time, at a rate of \$19.50 per hour, to be paid 40% Solid Waste and 60% Justice Court
 - Jacquelyne McCullum, Full-Time, at a rate of \$19.50 per hour to be paid 10% Justice Court and 90% Solid Waste
 - Brandy Pittman, Full-time, at a rate of \$19.50 per hour, 100% Solid Waste
 - Hope McCullum, Full-time, at a rate of \$19.50 per hour, 100% Justice Court
- 41.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to recess until the next special or called meeting to be held on April 21, 2025 at 9:00 am in Bay Springs, MS.

DISCUSSION:

- **Wheel chair for courthouse- Tell Aaron to purchase**
- **Jamie McCullough- Item #40**
- **PDD- Are your reservation dates good? If you want to check out early, I need to change the date now so we don't get charged for extra days. All will stay the same except Ricky- Wait to change his**
- **NACO TRAVEL- Ricky will update me this week**
- **Re-visit Leaf River at the Middle of the month meeting**