

MINUTES

May 19, 2025
Bay Springs, MS

Present were Eddie Helms, Sandy Stephens, Doug Rogers, Randy Corley, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Cindy Hendry, Randy Plowden, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Ricky Cook, Phil Fuller, Kelby King, Tarvis Parker with HYEP, Cade Waites, Zion Jones, Amanda Hanks, and Amanda Miller

9:00 – Award MAS Scholarships to Cade Waites and Zion Jones

9:05 – Amanda Hanks with Truckworx

9:10 – Ricky Cook and Phil Fuller- Debris @ Lake Eddins 601-527-4583

9:15 – Kelby King MS State Extension

1. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of May 19, 2025.
2. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for May 2025.
3. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Aaron Jordan to attend the Employer Trainings PERS class at Hinds County Community College in Pearl, MS on June 6, 2025.
4. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Keith Barlow to attend the 2025 Mississippi Constables Association Convention to be held on June 8-13, 2025 in Gulfport, MS and payment in the amount of \$500.00 for registration and 2025 dues.
5. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$150.00 made payable to Mississippi Association of County Administrators and Comptrollers for 2025 dues for Cindy Hendry and Jessica Lamar.

- 6.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of resignation received from Jacklyn Horn for the Sheriff's Department effective May 12, 2025.
- 7.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve employment of Marcy Jordan as part-time dispatcher at a rate of \$14.63 per hour for the Sheriff's Department, effective May 13, 2025.
- 8.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve judges' orders adjusting salaries and benefits effective July 1, 2025 as follows:

Name	Position	Salary	Jasper Co %	Judge
Stacie Shoemaker	Court Administrator	\$74,300.00 +benefits	33.33%	Chancery Robert Logan
Judy Herrington	Post I Court Administrator	\$74,300.00 +benefits	26%	Circuit Matthew Sullivan
Darlene Therrell	Post II Court Administrator	\$74,300.00 +benefits	26%	Circuit Stanley Sorey
Katelyn Lindsey	Court Reporter	\$70,200.00 +benefits	25%	Circuit Stanley Sorey
Kim Ulmer	Court Reporter	\$76,800.00 +benefits	25%	Circuit Stanley Sorey
Billy Therrell II	Level III Staff Attorney	\$120,600.00 +benefits	Staff Support funds- Circuit Court	Matthew Sullivan Stanley Sorey

- 9.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve final resolution granting Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to HSI Corporation for tax year 2025.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve final resolution granting Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Hol-Mac, Plants 1-3, for tax year 2025.

- 11.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve "Finding of Fact" for Leaf River Energy Center, LLC to deny the application for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for tax year 2025.
- 12.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Mississippi State Extension Service to attend the 4-H Club Congress event in Starkville, MS, May 27-30, 2025 and payment for rental car to be paid by credit card.
- 13.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve lease purchase quote in the amount of \$478,266.00 received from Bank First at a rate of 4.85% for 48 months for the purchase of eleven (11) 2025 Ford Explorer's for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department as lowest and best and previously approved by the Purchase Clerk.
- 14.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve lease purchase quote in the amount of \$39,423.00 received from Bank First at a rate of 4.85% for 48 months for the purchase of one (1) 2018 Ford F250 for Beat 5 as lowest and best and previously approved by the Purchase Clerk.
- 15.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve quote in the amount of \$561.25 plus any applicable shipping fees received from Comsouth, Inc for the Purchase of one (1) Semi Trash Water Pump for Montrose VFD to be paid by HB603 funds.
- 16.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising county resources in the amount of \$6,000.00 with the Heidelberg Youth Enhancement Program (HYEP).
- 17.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to employ a maximum of 3 summer workers at a rate of \$13.00 per hour for each beat, effective May 12, 2025 until July 31, 2025, to be paid out of county wide.

- 18.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve taking bids under advisement received from Lee Tractor and Puckett Rents for the purchase of mini-excavators.
- 19.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve existence of an emergency at the Paulding Courthouse due to the fact that the Air Conditioner for the courtroom is in need of repairs and possible replacement and with the rising temperatures and chancery court in session beginning Tuesday, May 27, 2025, there is no time to request quotes for such.
- 20.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve entering into an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Agreement, a Renewable Energy Project True Value Exemption, and an Assessed Evaluation Exemption Agreement with Shubuta Creek Solar, LLC.
- 21.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to appoint a road committee consisting of Eddie Helms and Jon R. Jones for the creation of a new road, CR 51333 in Rose Hill, Beat 2.
- 22.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve the bid received from Puckett Rents in the amount of \$96,514.09 for the purchase of one or more CAT 306 mini excavators for Beats 1-5.
- 23.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve paying upon receipt for dump truck purchased from Truckworx for Beat 4.
- 24.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payments in the amount of \$25,000.00 each made payable to Louin VFD, Montrose VFD, and the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, to be paid out of the National Forest Title III funds.
- 25.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

DISCUSSION:

- **Seismic Permit Request**
- **Notice of Intention to bring suit- Wrongful death of Glenda Buckman- send to Kay**
- **Gulfsouth Pipeline- Beat 1**