

MINUTES

May 6, 2025
Bay Springs, MS

Present were Eddie Helms, Sandy Stephens, Randy Corley, Doug Rogers, Jon R. Jones, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Cindy Hendry, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Randy Plowden, Kevin Tally, Jack Darty, Justin Miller, Kevin Dixon, Gene Wasson, and Carol Evans

11:00 – Leaf River

- 1.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Jasper County Jail Meal Logs for April 2025.
- 2.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of May 6, 2025.
- 3.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes for April 2025.
- 4.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of land redemption collection report for March, 2025 as provided by the Chancery Clerk, Sharon King.
- 5.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve 2024 Homestead Exemption Chargebacks.
- 6.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve Inventory changes per exhibit provided by Cindy Hendry, Comptroller/Inventory Clerk.
- 7.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of public records request received from John Link.

- 8.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve 30-day extension of proclamation of emergency due to storms that occurred on April 6, 2025.
- 9.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of 2024 Annual Financial report received from Daniel Gilmore, Constable.
- 10.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to rescind order dated April 21, 2025 appointing Laban Grant Blakeney as assistant public defender for Jasper County per signed order by Judge Stanely Sorey.
- 11.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of John Anthony Piazza as Assistant Public Defender for Jasper County with an annual salary of \$10,000.00 plus retirement and PERS benefits effective May 1, 2025 per order signed by Judge Stanley Sorey.
- 12.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve full-time employment of Nathan Yates as Deputy at a rate of \$23.03 per hour for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, effective May 8, 2025.
- 13.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Vernell Lofton and Samantha Parker to attend the ECAM Annual Summer Training to be held on June 24-25, 2025 in Philadelphia, MS and payment in the amount of \$130.00 each for registration.
- 14.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sarah Garner to attend the 2025 Chancery Clerk's Convention to be held on July 15-18, 2025 in Hattiesburg, MS.
- 15.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Styron Keller and Spencer Richardson to attend the Deputy Sheriff's conference in Biloxi, MS, August 17-22, 2025.

- 16.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$25.00 each for a total of \$400.00 (16 Deputies) made payable to the Mississippi Deputy Sheriff's Association for 2025 dues.
- 17.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$199.00 made payable to International Association of Emergency Managers for 2025 dues.
- 18.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$5,575.00 made payable to Mississippi Association of Supervisors for registration fees for the 2025 annual convention.
- 19.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$85,494.96 made payable to MAGCO Construction for Project no. ERBR-31(01) to be paid out of ERBR funds.
- 20.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$144,060.50 (previously approved advance payment 4/21/2025) made payable to N.L. Carson Construction for project no. ERBR-31(02) to be paid out of ERBR funds.
- 21.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payments made payable to Chris Albritton Construction for Project no. JSCBS-103-24 as follows; \$5,818.67 to be paid by Beat 1 bond funds and to withdraw the same from the beat 1 bond fund at People's Bank to be paid by check, \$280,123.24 to be paid by Beat 2 SB2468 funds, \$184,422.20 to be paid by Beat 5 SB2468 funds, and \$15,191.94 to be paid by Beat 5 bond funds and to withdraw the same from the beat 5 bond fund at People's Bank to be paid by check.

- 22.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payments made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for Project no. JSCBS-103-24 as follows; \$14,542.19 to be paid by Beat 2 SB2468 funds, \$8,541.16 to be paid by Beat 5 SB2468 funds, and \$987.91 to be paid by Beat 5 bond funds and to withdraw the same from the beat 5 bond fund at People's Bank to be paid by check.
- 23.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve permit application with Bay Springs Telephone Company for buried and aerial fiber optic cable on CR 35, 5033, 8, and 812.
- 24.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve Ad Valorem tax exemption application for HSI Corporation for the 2025 tax year.
- 25.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve Ad Valorem tax exemption application for Hol-Mac Plants 1-3 for the 2025 tax year.
- 26.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to take the request of Leaf River Energy under advisement after a presentation from Justin Miller, Kevin Dixon, and Attorney Gene Wasson.
- 27.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Katrice Campbell and Billy Rayner to attend the MAS Convention to be held on June 11, 2025.
- 28.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve quote received from Grant Blakeney in the amount of \$ 9,800.00 to replace a box culvert on CR 528-2 to be paid out of Beat 3 funds.
- 29.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve withdrawal in the amount of \$204,827.95 from the Beat 1 bond fund at Peoples bank to be paid by check and then deposited into the Beat 1 SB2468 fund.

- 30.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve quote in the amount of \$34,423.00 received from Laurel Ford Lincoln Kia for the purchase of one (1) 2018 Ford F-150 for Beat 5, as previously approved by the Purchase Clerk.
- 31.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to recess to the next special called or regularly scheduled meeting to be held on May 19, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Bay Springs, MS.

DISCUSSION:

- **Katrice attending the Supervisor's Convention--- Specific day/s? or whole convention?**
- **Annual Membership meeting MS Public Entity Workers Compensation Trust to be held on May 22, 2025 at 10:30 am in Ridgeland, MS**