

MINUTES

June 16, 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, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Kevin Tally, Hudson Jenkins, J.R. Henderson with Dobbs Peterbilt, and Taylor Robinson with Grenergy

9:00 –

- 1.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of June 16, 2025.
- 2.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for June 2025.
- 3.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve setting hearing for Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule to be held at 9:00 AM in Paulding and at 11:00 AM in Bay Springs on July 21, 2025.
- 4.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve tax assessment changes for 2025 per exhibits provided by Katrice Campbell, Tax Assessor.
- 5.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve creation of new road, CR 51333 in Beat 2, after a petition was signed by 10 or more freeholders in Jasper County and a road committee consisting of Eddie Helms and Jon R. Jones was formed and a report was filed deeming it a necessary road.
- 6.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve full-time employment of Santanna Wilson as Deputy Chancery Clerk at an annual salary of \$28,000.00 effective June 30, 2025.

- 7.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve 2025-2026 Mississippi Partners in Preparedness (PIP) annual membership for Hudson Jenkins with no fees due.
- 8.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge the need for two (2) new East Mississippi Regional Library Board members due to the fact that Mrs. Patricia Green serving for Beat 5 has passed away and Mrs. Barbara White serving for Beat 4 has resigned as of June 2, 2025.
- 9.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$30.00 each for Angelia McCain, Karen Jernigan, and Michelle Dixon to attend the online Mississippi Tax Collector Education and Certification Program for continuing education to be held on July 17 and July 31, 2025.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$125.00 each for Styron Keller and Spencer Richardson's registration fees for the 2025-2026 Mississippi Deputy Sheriff's Association conference.
- 11.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve Solid Waste refunds in the amount of \$98.00 each made payable to Edward Smith, account no. 2688, Brenda Fant, account no. 1635, and Curtis Hellings, account no. 13362, due to the fact that all have moved to a new location and will no longer be needing garbage service as previously approved by Kevin Tally, Solid Waste Hearing Officer.
- 12.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfer in the amount of \$16,850.37 from Beat 5 to the general county fund for the county match portion of the CDBG grant for Beaver Meadow Volunteer Fire Department.

- 13.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve application for Southern Pine Electric- Members Helping Members Grant, naming Hudson Jenkins as the applicant agent, and if approved, using the \$10,000.00 to purchase new Motorola Handhelds with the difference in cost to come from the Civil Defense Budget.
- 14.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raises in the amounts of \$1.00 per hour each for Jimmy Dale, Lee Morrison, Whitney Waters, and Ronald Mitchel, all for Beat 5, effective today, June 16, 2025.
- 15.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve full-time employment of Iliana Shelby as Deputy Circuit Clerk at a rate of \$15.75 per hour effective June 30, 2025.
- 16.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve a pay raise in the amount of \$1.00 per hour for Lindsey Craft, Beat 2, effective today June 16, 2025.
- 17.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve employment contract with Crystal McCord at a rate of \$305.00 per month to clean the Buster Hamm Building at Stringer on a weekly basis.
- 18.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising county resources in the amount of \$2,500.00 made payable to West Jasper School District for Stringer softball girls.
- 19.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve and authorize funding as requested by the Economic Development District (EDD) for Hol-Mac Corporation's 2024-2025 expansion to Plant no. 1 and fund the same from a loan from Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and to use \$800,000.00 from the EDD Trust and authorize the board president to execute any and all documents to secure the loans from MDA and from the EDD Trust, and to charge an interest rate in the amount of 3.5% on the above mentioned loans to be paid by Hol-Mac.

- 20.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to purchase property owned by ST Properties, LLC, PPIN 111119, and to authorize Matt Alford to perform an appraisal.
- 21.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve revision to Kenny Simmons's work schedule for County Wide and to update his hourly rate of pay to \$15.83, but not to exceed \$1,950.00 per month, effective August 1, 2025.
- 22.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

DISCUSSION:

- **Unemployment Hearing L Stevens 6/18/2025 @ 10:00 am**
- **2023 Audit has been submitted to the State Auditor's Department and work on the FY 2024 audit has begun**