

MINUTES

July 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, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Cindy Hendry, Randy Plowden, Bailey James, Jill Miller, and Spencer Stovall

10:00 – Election Commissioners #28

10:05 – Bailey James West Jasper School District Budget #6

1. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Jasper County Jail Meal Logs for June 2025.
2. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of July 7, 2025.
3. Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes for June 2025.
4. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of land redemption collection report for May, 2025 as provided by the Chancery Clerk, Sharon King.
5. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of 2025 Land and Personal Rolls for Jasper County districts 1 and 2, as provided by Katrice Campbell, Tax Assessor/Collector.
6. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of fiscal year 2025-2026 budget received from West Jasper School District.
7. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of fiscal year 2025-2026 budget received from Katrice Campbell, Tax Assessor, for the Jasper County Tax Assessor's Office.

- 8.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of fiscal year 2025-2026 budget received from Sheriff Randy Johson for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 9.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of fiscal year 2025-2026 budget request received from East Central Planning and Development District.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of public records requests received from Mike Vichich and Allen Siegler.
- 11.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve inventory changes per exhibit provided by Cindy Hendry, Comptroller.
- 12.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve applications and payment in the amount of \$25.00 each for notary public commission for Santanna Wilson and Sarah Garner.
- 13.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve adding Santanna Wilson to the Chancery Bank accounts and the Board of Supervisors General account and to remove Bonita Huddleston from the same.
- 14.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve resolution to adopt the District 6 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2026 and appoint Hudson Jenkins as the Designated Representative.
- 15.** NO ACTION- Approve payment in the amount of \$1,031.72 made payable to PERS to resolve a delinquency that occurred in July 2016- September 2016 of the employer contribution for Christie Ulmer
- 16.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise in the amount of \$6,000.00 annually for Regnal Blackledge, effective July 1, 2025, to be paid by the District Attorney's Office.

- 17.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Mike Brown, Jamie Smith, Dr. Marty Bass, and Wendy Arrington to attend the 20th annual Mississippi Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference in Biloxi, MS, August 13-15, 2025 and payment in the amount of \$1,300.00 for registration fees.
- 18.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Hudson Jenkins to travel to Ocala, FL, August 6-8, 2025, to tour E-One Fire Truck.
- 19.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve contract addendum agreement with Harris Delta Computer Systems for various departments, effective October 1, 2025.
- 20.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve quote in the amount of \$5,810.67 received from Emergency Equipment Service for fire truck repairs for Fellowship Volunteer Fire Department to be paid by HB603 funds as previously approved by the purchase clerk.
- 21.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by, Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to table the request for solicitation for quotes for one (1) 1000cc UTV, crew cab with heating and AC for the Jasper County Emergency Management Department to be purchased with Title III Funds.
- 22.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$331,706.30 made payable to MAGCO Construction for project no. ERBR-31(01), Bridge nos. SA31-96, 97, 100, and 102 on CR 24, to be paid out of ERBR Funds.
- 23.** 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), Bridge nos. SA31-96, 97, 100, and 102 on CR 24, to be paid out of ERBR Funds.

- 24.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$1,189.98 plus any applicable shipping fees made payable to Green Thumb Outdoors for the purchase of one (1) Stihl MS 311 Chainsaw and one (1) Stihl MS 271 Chainsaw for the Montrose VFD to be paid out of Title III Funds.
- 25.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$1,649.18 plus any applicable fees made payable to Lowe's Home Center for the purchase of various tools and tool box for the Montrose VFD to be paid out of HB603 funds in the amount of \$956.45 and Title III funds in the amount of \$692.73, plus any fees.
- 26.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve a solid waste refund in the amount of \$98.00 made payable to Racheal Hinton for Acct. no. 4094 due to the fact that she has entered an assisted living facility and garbage service will no longer be provided as previously approved by the Solid Waste Hearing Officer, Kevin Tally.
- 27.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raises in the amount of \$1.00 per hour each for Deputy Tax Collectors Angelia McCain, Christy Ulmer, Karen Jernigan, Michelle Dixon, and Mae Ellis effective July 11, 2025.
- 28.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve pay increases for the election commissioners to \$200.00 per day and poll workers to \$200.00 per day per Mississippi State Statutes 23-15-227 and 23-15-153, effective July 1, 2025.
- 29.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve utility permit application to construct a new water main for Beaver Meadow Water Association to affect CR 37, 371, 377, and CR 111.

- 30.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve finding that the Lake Eddins Community in Jasper County, Mississippi is in a state of debris and uncleanliness and is declared to be a public health menace that affects the safety and welfare of the community due to a recent tornado destroying trees and damaging buildings within the Lake Eddins property bounding pursuant to section 19-5-105 MCA 1972 as amended. The board finds that a request was made to FEMA to assist in clean-up and was denied as of July 1, 2025 and that debris has remained piled on private property and adjacent roadways that has created unsafe conditions and has been a gathering place for rodents and other menaces to the public. The board has determined that upon investigation that much of the debris is piled on water and sewer easements and that the owner's association cannot access those utilities and that the same may cause health problems in the event that they have leaks or blowouts and will be a menace to the safety and welfare of the community as provided for in aforesaid statute. The board determines that it should remove the debris and clean the same within the designated area where the tornado dated March 15, 2025 occurred. Notice shall be provided to the Lake Eddins property owner's association for them to notify the owner of the property that is need of cleaning and the board shall conduct a public hearing on July 21, 2025 to be held at 9:00 AM in Paulding, MS and recessed to 11:00 AM in Bay Springs, MS as provided by foresaid law.
- 31.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$6,500.00 made payable to the Smith County Economic Development District for the 2025 Beef Tour.
- 32.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sandy Stephens, Jon R. Jones, Newt Ishee, William R. Ruffin, and Joseph Sims to attend the Beef Tour held on August 10-14, 2025 traveling over North Central Texas and payment in the amount of \$4,100.00 made payable to the Smtih County Economic Development District.

- 33.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising county resources in the amount of \$6,000.00 with West Jasper Recreation.
- 34.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve setting public tax hearings for the 2025 Land and Personal Rolls for August 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Paulding, MS and 11:00 AM in Bay Springs, MS.
- 35.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of city road closure of East 5th Avenue and East 7th Avenue, West of 1st Street and East of 2nd Street in Bay Springs, MS.
- 36.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to recess until the next called meeting to be held in Paulding on July 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM for the Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule Hearing.

DISCUSSION:

- **Picking up debris at Lake Eddins Item #30**
- **City road closures #35**
- **When do you want to set tax hearings? #34**