MINUTES

August 18, 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, Sheldon Austen, Tim Bell, FA, Hudson Jenkins, Greg Cooley, and Stringer FFA

- 10:00 Anthony Roberson 601-317-1343 Cemetery Land- NO SHOW
- 10:05 Megan White with FFA Presentation 601-670-6117
- 10:15 Greg Cooley New Business 601-935-8477 HVAC Cleaning-Commercial Ice Machines
- 10:20 Tim Bell with BCI 601-427-4239
- 11:00 Public Hearing for 2025 Tax Roll
- **1.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of August 18, 2025.
- **2.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for August 2025.
- **3.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of FY 2025-2026 East Jasper School District Budget.
- **4.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve re-appointment of Haskins Montgomery as Trustee for the Jasper County Hospital Board for a 5-year term expiring August 20, 2029.
- **5.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Douglas Kelley to attend the 2025 Mid-Winder Emergency Management Education Conference on November 18-20, 2025 in Biloxi, MS and payment in the amount of \$275.00 for registration.

- **6.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Keith Barlow to attend the 2025 National Constables & Marshals Association Training Conference on September 22-25, 2025 in Hot Springs, AR and payment in the amount of \$325.00.
- **7.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$60.00 for Keith Barlow, National Constables & Marshals Association dues for 2026.
- **8.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$250.00 for Randy Johnson, National Sheriff's Association Dues for 2026.
- **9.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise in the amount of \$2.23 per hour for Christie Phillips as Assistant Supervisor of Dispatch and full-time employment of Jacklynn Horn at a rate of \$16.77 per hour for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, effective August 16, 2025.
- **10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve termination of Brandon Hutton as Jailer, effective August 13, 2025, full-time employment of Jerry Guidry at a rate of \$16.25 as jailer, effective August 8, 2025, and a pay raise in the amount of \$17.47 per hour for Ed Brown as Sargeant in Corrections, effective August 18, 2025, all for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 11. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve quote in the amount of \$7,999.00 received from Alltime Heat and Air for the labor and materials to replace and install a Walk-in Cooler for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department as lowest and best and previously approved by the purchase clerk.
- **12.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve final payment in the amount of \$8,141.64 made payable to Looks Great Services for debris pick-up from the Tornado that occurred on April 6, 2025 in Stringer to be paid out of Beat 4 funds.

- **13.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve Memorandum of Understanding and Consent to participate in the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.
- **14.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve emergency purchase of one (1) 5-Ton AC Unit and all necessary supplies for installation in the amount of \$9,226.79 for Beat 5 due to the fact that the existing unit was stolen and the replacement was needed immediately.
- **15.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve taking under advisement the 2025 Land and Personal Tax rolls of Jasper County for the second judicial district after a hearing was held and objections were heard from C Spire, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Linda Way.
- 16. Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve quotes received from Hattiesburg Cycles in the amount of \$17,199.00 for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Polaris Ranger Crew 1000 Premium Camo UTV with brush guard and winch, MTECH, Inc. in the amount of \$9,220.00 for the purchase of one (1) High Pressure Pump build with Manual Hose Reel and one (1) Viper Nozzle with pistol grip, Moore's Installations for the purchase of lights, sirens, and speakers in the amount of \$3,771.00, and Comsouth, Inc. in the amount of \$2,412.20 for the purchase of one (1) radio with mounting equipment for a grand total of \$32,602.20 for the Emergency Management 911 service, to be paid out of Title III funds, previously approved by the Purchase Clerk.

- **17.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve, equalize, and assess the Tax Assessor's reports for the valuation of the Radio and Cell Phone Towers and associated cell phone equipment and assess the appropriate taxes to the values provided by the Tax Assessor for the 2025 Real and Personal Property Tax Rolls for the First and Second Judicial Districts of Jasper County. Present at the purpose of hearing objections hearing for the representative for C Spire and Linda Way. Objections were also heard from AT&T and T-Mobile. AT&T submitted evidence to the board for review, nothing was received from C Spire or T-Mobile. The board reviewed all evidence provided and the contents of MS Code Sections 57-87-3 through 57-87-7 and found that the intent of the legislation was not met and that the exemption is not allowable, therefore the 2025 Real and Personal Property Tax Rolls as submitted by the Tax Assessor, Katrice Campbell, have been approved, equalized, and assessed as of August 18, 2025.
- **18.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to terminate Jessie Ruth Jones and Shirley House as of August 29, 2025, for Beat 5.
- **19.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

DISCUSSION:

• Show Barn- Randy Corley