

MINUTES

September 15, 2025

Bay Springs, MS

Present were Eddie Helms, Sandy Stephens, Doug Rogers, Randy Corley, Jon R. Jones, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Cindy Hendry, Randy Plowden, Daniel Russum, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Hudson Jenkins, Ray Harmon, Aaron Graham, Audreanna Pruitt, Kelby King, Donald Brown, Jennifer Buford, and Carol Evans
William R. Ruffin was absent

9:00 – Audreanna Pruitt Bay Springs Booster 601-422-5065 Item #19

9:05 – Kelby King MS State Ext Item #20

9:15 – Ray Harmon G&O Supply 228-236-4093

9:20 – Aaron Graham Ameripro 769-348-9601

10:00 – Budget Hearing Fiscal Year 2026 Item #17

10:00 – Bid Opening Beaver Meadow VFD JSCBS-301-22B Item #19

- 1.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of September 15, 2025.
- 2.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for September 2025.
- 3.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of 2024 Tax Loss Reimbursement from the Department of Revenue.
- 4.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Samantha Paker, Linda Graham, and Vernell Lofton to attend the 2026 Annual Certification Training Convention in Tunica, MS on January 28-30, 2026 and payment in the amount of \$650.00 each for registration and dues.

- 5.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve sale of one (1) 2016 Ford Taurus, VIN 1FAHP2MT5GG119300, in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Jasper County Sheriff's Department to the City of Raleigh.
- 6.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise in the amount of \$0.22 per hour for Charles Brown as Sergeant for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department effective August 30, 2025.
- 7.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve Solid Waste Tire Assistance Grant closure, no. WT674-M2 received from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Grants Branch.
- 8.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve cooperative service agreement with USDA for the Beaver Control Assistance Program for fiscal year 2026 and payment in the amount of \$7,500.00.
- 9.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$4,479.96 and any other applicable fees made payable to Comsouth for the purchase of four (4) Fire Pro 200 Thermal cameras for the Louin VFD to be paid out of HB603 funds.
- 10.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve holding Fire Insurance Rebate money in the amount of \$113,396.43 to prepare for future purchases of new apparatuses, that \$4,500.00 of the current rebate money be held for pump testing in February 2026, and that the county pay the individual Fire Departments and equal amount per the exhibit provided by Hudson Jenkins.
- 11.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising to receive sealed bids for the sale of used equipment for two (2) Rhino FR120 10-foot Batwing Rotary cutters for Beat 2.
- 12.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve inventory changes per Exhibit provided by Cindy Hendry, Comptroller.

- 13.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve declaring state of emergency as of September 8, 2025 for CR 23 in Beat 1, Section 15, Township 1, Range 11, due to a severely eroded culvert.
- 14.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$23,302.43 made payable to Looks Great Services for the collection of debris caused by the March 15, 2025 tornado in the Lake Eddins Community to be paid out of Beat 2 funds.
- 15.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve solicitation for an appraisal of scales on property purchased in Louin, PPIN 111119.
- 16.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfers from the general county fund in the amounts of \$75,000.00 to Emergency 911, \$60,000.00 to Solid Waste, \$30,000.00 to the Library, and \$85,000.00 to the ambulance fund for a grand total of \$250,000.00.
- 17.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for all Jasper County Departments after a hearing was held and no objections were heard.
- 18.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Levy for Jasper County.
- 19.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve taking bid received from Twin L. Construction, INC for Beaver Meadow Volunteer Fire Department, JSCBS-301-22 B, under advisement.
- 20.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve taking under advisement advertising county resources with Bay Springs Booster Club for the Bay Springs Marching Band.

- 21.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve approximate payment in the amount of \$375.00 for car rental and travel for Mississippi State Extension to attend the National Chopped competition to be held on September 26- October 1, 2025 in Dallas, TX to be paid by Chancery Credit Card.
- 22.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve travel for Jessica Lamar, Santanna Wilson, Sarah Garner, and Erika Ball to attend the one-day Homestead & Industrial Training Class to be held on various dates in October and November, in the Jackson area.
- 23.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve utility permit applications with AT&T for the construction of Buried Fiber Cable on CR 372 and CR 3711 and construction of Buried Fiber Cable and Copper Cable on CR 35.
- 24.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfers as follows: \$15,404.98 from the ARPA fund, interest earned, to each beat 1-5, \$100,000.00 from county wide fund to each beat, 1-5, and a division of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund in the amount of \$28,003.76 to each beat 1-5 with any overage remaining in the account to be added to Beat 2's amount to be spent on upcoming invoices involving road and bridge projects.
- 25.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfer from HB 1353 to Beat 1 fund to reimburse payment for a portion of Dunn Roadbuilders invoice no. 55706 in the amount of \$3,322.54, or remaining account balance, to pay for asphalt purchased to repair roads in Beat 1.
- 26.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve selling one (1) 2015 Pothole Patcher Truck, Asset no. 300159, with Johnny Wright Auctions, LLC during the October sale.
- 27.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

DISCUSSION:

- **TEC awarded grant- fiber optic cable within public right-of-ways for MS-15, CR 1559, CR 20, CR 204, CR 16, CR 1539, and Windham Road**
- **Meridian Waste price increase from \$11.76 per household to \$12.50**
- **West Jasper School Board District 5 has no opponent- Wade Hosey District 5 duly elected and will take office on in January, 2025**
- **Basic Leadership skills training class offered by MDOT**