

MINUTES

January 20, 2026

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, Haskins Montgomery, and Judge Jacqueline Barnett

9:00 – Judge Jacqueline Barnett

- 1.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of January 20, 2026.
- 2.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for January 2026.
- 3.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve Bank First, Trustmark, and M&P Bank as county depositories for calendar year 2026.
- 4.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$13,449.80 made payable to the Stringer Fire Protection District based on the assessed value of real property for 2025.
- 5.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of Jimmy Price as commissioner for the Stringer Fire Protection District to serve a 5-year term, James King, 4-year term, Joe Stringer, 3-year term, Irvin Stewart, 2-year term, Glen Myers, 1-year term, and to remove Steve Ishee due to the fact that his term has expired per exhibit provided by Hudson Jenkins.
- 6.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve re-appointment of Vernell Lofton to the Jones College Board of Trustees for a 5-year term, expiring January 19, 2031.

- 7.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve 16th section residential lease agreements between East Jasper School District and Pamela L. Huddleston.
- 8.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$295.00 for 2026 membership dues with Mississippi Economic Development Council for Haskins Montgomery.
- 9.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 made payable to the Mississippi Sheriff's Association for 2026 Dues for Sheriff Randy Johnson.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise in the amount of \$21.76 per hour for Kentrevis Jones, as a full-time deputy, effective January 26, 2026, and \$17.25 per hour for Jerry Guidry, effective February 14, 2026 for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 11.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising county resources with The City of Bay Springs for Bay Fest in the amount of \$500.00 as a Silver Sponsor.
- 12.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve non-exclusive utility permit applications for Comcast for construction of Aerial Overlash on CR 35 and CR 359, Conduit on CR 359, and Lash Aerial Cable on CR 8.
- 13.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve amended engineering contract for project no. ERBR-31(03).
- 14.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payments up to \$5,000.00 per acre for right-of-way's for project no. SABP-31(1) to be paid out of beat 2 funds.

- 15.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to Hugh Bergin, \$750.00 made payable to Britton Campbell Read, Jr., and \$750.00 made payable to Mark and Patricia Cancienne, to be paid out of Beat 2 funds for a right-of-way for project no. SABP-31(1).
- 16.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve Memorandum of Understanding with East Jasper School District and the Jasper County Sheriff's Department for Security.
- 17.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Seung Park as of December 29, 2025 and approve employment of Michael Taylor Ainsworth at a rate of \$15.50 per hour effective January 12, 2026 for County Wide.
- 18.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

DISCUSSION:

- **Mid-Winter Conference February 4-6, 2026; Current reservations are for February 3-6 for everyone except Sandy, Eddie, and Doug. Ricky staying February 4-6.**
 - **Ricky's Dinner is February 4 @ Walker's Drive-In (Need Headcount)**
- **2024 Financial Audit is COMPLETE and approved!**