

# **MINUTES**

January 5, 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, Nila Cromwell, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Randy Plowden, Donald Brown, Haskins Montgomery, Jennifer Buford, and Carol Evans

**10:00 – Jennifer Buford- CDBG Grant**

**11:00 – Bids for County Depository Item #25- Advisement**

1. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Jasper County Jail Meal Logs for December 2025.
2. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of January 5, 2026.
3. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes for December 2025.
4. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of land redemption collection report for November, 2025 as provided by the Chancery Clerk, Sharon King.
5. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve inventory changes per exhibit provided by Cindy Hendry, Inventory Control Clerk.

- 6.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of Receiving clerks for 2026 as follows; Stanley Phillips for Beat 1, Andrew Craft for Beat 2, Jonathan Watkins for Beat 3, Shannon Spradley for Beat 4, Robert Triplet for Beat 5, and Jessica Lamar for Jasper County.
- 7.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of Aaron Jordan as Purchase Clerk, Ryanne Brown as Inventory Clerk, and Nila Cromwell as Warrant Clerk for 2026.
- 8.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of Iliana Shelby as Deputy Chancery Clerk at a rate of \$12,000.00 annually to be divided evenly each pay period effective January 1, 2026 to be paid by the Chancery Clerk's Budget.
- 9.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of Kenneth Lightsey as Commissioner for the North and South Grading District for a 5-year term, to acknowledge expiration of appointment of James Steven as commissioner, and to re-appoint all others per exhibit provided by Hudson Jenkins, effective January 1, 2026.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to accept resignation from Gloria Jones as Warrant Clerk for the Jasper County Board of Supervisors effective December 29, 2025.
- 11.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve allowing application for MOSH Occupant Protection Grant and MOSH Impaired Driving Grant for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 12.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Brandon Johnson and Jody White to attend the 2026 ROCIC Gangs and Narcotics Conference in Nashville, TN to be held on March 8-11, 2026 and payment in the amount of \$300.00 each for registration.

- 13.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising county resources in the amount of \$500.00 with the Jasper County Junior Livestock Association.
- 14.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$2,050.00 made payable to MAS-MC for 2026 membership dues for Sandy Stephens and Jon R. Jones.
- 15.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 made payable to MACA for 2026 Mississippi Assessor Association dues for Katrice Campbell, Tax Assessor/Collector.
- 16.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payments in the amounts of \$1,800.00 made payable to Central VFD, H.A.L. VFD, Montrose VFD, Mossdale VFD, and Paulding VFD for 2026 Voting Precinct Rent.
- 17.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$2,707.50 made payable to Business Information Systems (BISDIGITAL) to renew the contract for on-site service and support to be paid equally by Chancery and Circuit Court for court reporting software.
- 18.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve quote received from BCI for email migration in the amount of \$6,500.00 for initial planning and development and a monthly fee of \$795.90 for Microsoft Office 365 for all employees.
- 19.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$109,937.87 made payable to MAGCO, Inc for Project no. ERBR-31(01), Bridge nos. SA31-96, 97, 100, and 102 on CR 24 to be paid out of ERBR funds.

- 20.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$10,675.22 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.
- 21.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$117,477.33 made payable to N.L. Carson Construction for Project no. ERBR-31(02), Bridge nos. SA31-0050 and 0052 on CR 16 to be paid out of ERBR funds.
- 22.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$21,624.00 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for Project no. ERBR-31(02), Bridge nos. SA31-0050 and 0052 on CR 16 to be paid out of ERBR funds.
- 23.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$206,973.36 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for project no. ERBR-31(03), to be paid out of State Aid ERBR funds.
- 24.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payments in the amount of \$2,000.00 made payable to Olivia Martin and \$1,000.00 to Entrée Dreams, LLC for repairs of damages made by the county to Fences along right-of-way obtained for project no. ERBR-31(03) to be paid out of Beat 1 funds.
- 25.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve takings bids received from Trustmark Bank, Merchants and Planters Bank, and BankFirst for County Depository for calendar year 2026 under advisement.
- 26.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$100,000.00 for construction of the Beaver Meadow Volunteer Fire Department.

- 27.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted to approve the bid received from Twin L. Construction in the amount of \$317,625.00 for Beaver Meadow Volunteer Fire Department.
- 28.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sandy Stephens, William R. Ruffin, and Sharon King to attend the NACO conference to be held on February 20-23, 2026 in Washington, D.C.
- 29.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Billy Rayner to attend the Hol-Mac Summit to be held in Biloxi, MS to be held on April 6-9, 2026.
- 30.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve resolution for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department to have Radar in the county.
- 31.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to re-appoint Charles Ingram for Beat 1, Vernell Lofton for Beat 2, Brandon Kirkland for Beat 3, Jackie Thigpen for Beat 4, and John Henry Batty for Beat 5 as EDD Board members for a 4-year term ending in 2030.
- 32.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise in the amount of \$1.50 per hour for Robert Triplett, Beat 5, effective January 5, 2026.
- 33.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfers from the Gas Severance fund to each beat in the amount of \$40,000.00.
- 34.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise in the amount of \$1.00 per hour for Travis Sullivan, Seung Park, and Matthew Hartfield, County Wide, effective January 5, 2026.

- 35.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve contract with Haskins Montgomery to act as Executive Director for the Jasper County Economic Development District to be paid \$35,000.00 annually in equal monthly installments, plus mileage and expenses, for calendar year 2026.
- 36.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve increasing the Life Insurance Policies (LIOCA) for county employees from a \$25,000.00 benefit to a \$50,000.00 benefit and to provide each employee \$25.00 of the LICOA Term to age 120, effective January 1, 2026.
- 37.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to recess to the next special or called meeting to be held on January 20, 2026 at 9:00 am in Bay Springs, MS.

**DISCUSSION:**

- **Who do you want listed as “official custodian” over the Lowe’s Charge Account- All five supervisors and Foreman’s**
- **Reminder: Meridan Waste new rate is \$12.50 per residence effective January 1, 2026**
- **Hol-Mac Summit- April 6-9 (arrive on the 6<sup>th</sup>, checkout on the 9<sup>th</sup>?)**
  - **Sandy and ralph, Check in on 6<sup>th</sup> out 10<sup>th</sup>- Randy Check in on 7th- check out on 10<sup>th</sup> -Ricky Check in on 8<sup>th</sup> out on 9<sup>th</sup> – Eddie Check in on 6<sup>th</sup> out on 9<sup>th</sup> - Doug will let me know**
- **Rankin County- Kratom Ordinance- No action at the moment**
- **Entrée Dreams Payment- Ricky Item # 24**