

MINUTES

February 2, 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, Randy Plowden, Hudson Jenkins, Vernell Lofton, Jannis Tinsley, Brandon Dyess, Brendan Sartin, Donald Brown, Loretta Hayes, Nora Stevens, Clifton Carroll with Exxon, Don McCarty, and Carol Evans

9:00 – Jasper County Tioch Association- Check with Jennifer Buford for grant- Needs to transfer property to Jasper County for JC to apply for the grant for a Walking Trail- Deadline April 1, 2026- Vernell to send copy of minutes to transfer it to CO

9:05 – Michael Jackson Hands on Heidelberg 601-214-9177- Parks and Recreation- Bringing parks to Jasper County

9:10 – Brandon Dyess with ProSeed Restoration 601-335-1489

9:15 – Loretta Hayes and Nora Stevens- Gun Shooting

- 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 January 2026.
- 2.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of February 2, 2026.
- 3.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes for January 2026.
- 4.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of land redemption collection report for December, 2025 as provided by the Chancery Clerk, Sharon King.
- 5.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve inventory changes per exhibit provided by Ryanne Brown, Inventory Control Clerk.

- 6.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve internship program with South Mississippi Planning Development District for high school students to work in the courthouse offices.
- 7.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of Nila Cromwell as Applicant Agent for Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund.
- 8.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve application for accreditation for Angie Duncan.
- 9.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of East Central Planning and Development committee members for 2026.
- 10.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve contract with JM Wood Auction for the sale of two (2) 2025 Dump Trucks, VIN 1NKZXPTX0SJ160539 and 1NKZXPTX5SJ160584 for Beat 2.
- 11.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfer in the amount of \$596,536.00 from the accounts payable account to the ERBR-31(03) account.
- 12.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfer in the amount of \$47.84 from the Volunteer Fire Department Fund to the HB603 Volunteer Fire Department fund.
- 13.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfer in the amount of \$41,096.73 to the General County fund from the Soil Conservation Fund.
- 14.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Christie Phillips and Jessica Kelley to attend the Officer involved Shooting and Critical Shooting class to be held on March 16-17, 2026 in Meridian, MS and payment in the amount of \$600.00 for registration for the Jasper Couty Sheriff's Department.

- 15.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sheriff Randy Johnson to attend the 2026 Mississippi Sheriff's Association Summer Conference to be held on June 1-5, 2026 in Biloxi, MS.
- 16.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$682.17 made payable to A-1 Fire Equipment for the purchase of one (1) full set of fire-fighting gear for Montrose VFD to be paid out of Title III funds and to void the previous order dated August 5, 2024 approving the same but to be paid out of HB603 VFD funds.
- 17.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$1,374.41 made payable to BCI, Inc for the purchase of an additional workstation, Dell Latitude 5350 Ultra 7 Laptop with mouse for Jasper County EMA to be paid by Title III funds in the amount of \$1,140.00 and the remaining \$234.41 to be paid out of Civil Defense Funds.
- 18.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve amending order dated September 15, 2025 setting aside \$4,500.00 of Fire Insurance Rebate money to be used to pay for the annual pump tests for fire trucks to \$9,000.00 due to the fact the 2026 annual pump test will need to be a 3-hour test instead of a 1-hour test as previously approved.
- 19.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve quote received from BCI, Inc in the amount of \$25,225.05 for one (1) Power Edge R470 Server to replace the outdated server currently in use, Microsoft software, and labor for install, planning, and development of said server.
- 20.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve rental quote and agreement received from Pitney Bowes and Advantage Business Systems for one (1) Sendpro Mailcenter 2000 at a rate of \$353.62 per month for 60 months to be billed quarterly in the amount of \$1,060.86.

- 21.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$115,363.26 made payable to MAGCO, Inc for project no. ERBR-31(01), Bridge nos. SA31-096, 097, 100, and 102 on CR 24 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 \$312,141.00 made payable to N.L. Carson Construction Co, Inc 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 Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$28,111.20 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates, LTD for project no ERBR-31(02), Bridge nos. SA31-0050 and 0052 on CR 16 to be paid out of ERBR funds.
- 24.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve the purchase clerk to solicit quotes for the AC/Duct cleaning at the Paulding Courthouse.
- 25.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve transfers in the amounts of \$1,000,000.00 to Trustmark Bank and \$500,000.00 to Merchants and Planters to open 6-month CD's (Certificate of Deposit).
- 26.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to appoint Keith Shelby to the Economic Development District board for a 4-year term to replace resigning member, Charles Ingram, for Beat 1.
- 27.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve compensating Mark and Patricia Cancienne for a Right-of-Way for project no. SABP-31(01) of 1.26 acres by delivering to them at the site of said bridge project two (2) loads of clay gravel and that this compensation costs Jasper County \$500.00, whereas, we had offered \$750.00 for the Right-of-way and is a bargain to the county. This is a barter for gravel instead of cash and saves the county approximately \$250.00.

- 28.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Hudson Jenkins and Douglas Kelley to attend the Mass Casualty Incident Triage Awareness classes on one of the following days, March 23-27, 2026 in Philadelphia, MS.
- 29.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve the Mutual Aid Development Request from Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association in North Mississippi for Hudson Jenkins and Douglas Kelley to help with staffing, resources, and damage assessment from February 16-28, 2026, due to the recent ice/snow storm that occurred in the area.
- 30.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve applying a \$40.00 fee as a bad check fee for all county offices when a 'bad check' is received for payment.
- 31.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to assess 10% per month late charge pursuant to section 19-5-21, Section 2, of the Mississippi Annotated Code, to all delinquent solid waste accounts after the due date of March 31 of each year.
- 32.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sandy Stephens, Doug Rogers, Jon R. Jones, William R. Ruffin, Joseph Sims, and Newt Ishee to attend the Beef Tour in Montana in August, 2026.
- 33.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve going into closed session to discuss whether or not there is a need to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.
- 34.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve going into executive session to discuss personnel issues.
- 35.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to close executive session with no action.

- 36.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve changes in employment for Hope McCullum to be a full-time Justice Court Deputy Clerk for the First Judicial District at Paulding with a 90-day probationary period ending May 15, 2026, a pay raise in the amount of \$2.00 per hour for Ilaina Shelby and Erika Ball to be paid out of Solid Waste funds to accept Solid Waste payments only in the First Judicial District, and Jamie McCullough to part-time “as needed”, effective February 9, 2026.
- 37.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to recess until the next called meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 in Bay Springs, MS.

DISCUSSION:

- **Air Duct Cleaning at Paulding- Quote attached Item #24**
- **Waste Management Increase- 4.83%- New fee is \$42.22 per ton**
- **Loss Prevention Report- Recommendations for repair- Hudson Jenkins will be point person from now on**
- **MASIT Insurance renewal approaching \$385,253.94**
- **CMCH HB1640 Quarterly Report**
- **Competitive Rates for CDs- Trustmark 3.75% for 3-9 months and M&P 2.97% to 3.09% for 3-9 months Item #25**
- **85% Bond Money needs to be spent by October**