

MINUTES

July 23, 2026
Bay Springs, MS

Present were Eddie Helms, Doug Rogers, Randy Corley, Jon R. Jones, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Nila Cromwell, Randy Plowden, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Styron Keller, Kevin Tally, Hudson Jenkins, Haskins Montgomery, Damien Franklin, Jessica Crimm, Beth Sisson with the East MS Regional Library, and Barry Brand with Sunsouth
Sandy Stephens is absent

10:00 – Beth Sisson W/ East MS Regional Library 601-670-0645 Item #14

10:05 – Jessica Crimm- Cemetery Plot 769-274-3390

11:00 – Public Hearing Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule Item #15

11:00 – Damien Franklin- DRA Grant for Hol-Mac Item #12

- 1.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of July 23, 2026.
- 2.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for July 2026.
- 3.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of objection to 2026 tax assessment received from Cellular South, doing business as CSpire.
- 4.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of budget request for FY 2027 received from Mid-Mississippi Development District in the amount of \$40,000.00.

- 5.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve full-time employment of John Scott Wuertz as Deputy at a rate of \$23.03 per hour effective July 15, 2026 for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 6.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Jeremy Pinson to be able to attend the Fentanyl Opioid Overdose course on July 29, 2026, and Jody White and Brandon Johnson to be able to attend the Mexican Cartels and Their Violence course on August 4-5, 2026 in Pearl, MS for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 7.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve grant agreements in the amounts of \$41,846.20, 154 Alcohol FY27 and \$65,664.16, 402 Occupant Protection FY27, received from the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety (MOHS) for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department and to appoint Inga Jones as the secondary signatory official.
- 8.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve lease purchase quotes received from Bank First for one (1) Fleet-Mack KB20 Debris Truck for Beat 3 and one (1) Fleet- Mack KB20 Debris Truck for Beat 4 at a rate of 4.44% interest for 48 monthly payments of \$4,430.03 each as lowest and best and previously approved by the Purchase Clerk.
- 9.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$1,100.00 made payable to Emergency Equipment Service for troubleshooting problems with primer not working on various fire trucks to be paid out of the Fire Insurance Rebate funds.

- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve solid waste refunds in the amount of \$1,680.00 made payable to Vicki Rayhorn, acct. no. 5790, due to the fact that the mortgage company has also paid the delinquent amount and \$32.00 made payable to Teresa Holloway Sumrall, acct. no. 5586, due to the fact that she has sold the property, per exhibits provided by Kevin Tally, Solid Waste Hearing Officer.
- 11.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve State Aid Construction request no. 4 for project no. SAP-31(16)S.
- 12.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve Resolutions and Participation agreement for Delta Regional Authority Grant for Hol-Mac.
- 13.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising for the purchase of one or more motor graders.
- 14.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of East MS Regional Library FY 2027 budget request of \$130,000.00.
- 15.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve Motor Vehicle Assessment Schedule for the Second District of Jasper County for FY 2026-2027 after a hearing was held and no objections were heard.
- 16.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve lease agreement with the Economic Development District and to grant permission for EDD to assign it to S and S Industrial Services, LLC at a rate of \$1,500.00 per month for the building located in block 8 of Stringer, MS and to cancel the current lease with Puckett Metalworx, dated January 4, 2023 and recorded on January 27, 2023, Instrument no. 22302545, for failure to pay rent.
- 17.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve agreement to correct payroll checks for county youth court judge, Lillous Shoemaker.

- 18.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to recess until the next special or called meeting to be held on July 30th at 10:00 in Bay Springs, MS.

DISCUSSION:

- **Forfeiture of LSBP Funds letter**
- **Road memorialization request from Reginald Evans for Donna B Evans- CR 1561 in Louin, MS**
- **Ad Valorem Tax exemption request from Intefor- plans to attend the August 3, 2026 meeting**
- **Price increase for Meridian Waste- goes into effect January 1, 2027**
- **ERBR-STP-BR-0031(23)- How is project progressing**
- **CDBG wants to meet with the board on July 30th at 10:00 am to discuss Beaver Meadow VFD Project**