

MINUTES

August 13, 2026

Bay Springs, MS

Present were Eddie Helms, Sandy Stephens, Doug Rogers, Randy Corley, Jon R. Jones, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Nila Cromwell, Randy Plowden, Kyle Williams, Ben Jones, Kevin Blakeney, Jamie Holder, and Carol Evans

10:00 – Motor Grader Bid Opening Item #8

11:00 – Public Tax Hearing- 2026 Tax Assessments #9

-CSpire will be present

-AT&T is waiving appearance

-T-Mobile is waiving appearance

- 1.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of August 13, 2026.
- 2.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for August 2026.
- 3.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve part-time employment of Samantha Perez as dispatcher at a rate of \$14.63 per hour effective August 13, 2026 for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 4.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve setting budget hearing for September 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM in Bay Springs MS.

- 5.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of judge's order signed by Robert M. Logan dated August 6, 2026 to approve a pay raise for Lisa Addy, Deputy Court Administrator for Second Chancery Court District, in the amount of \$70,600.00 annually with compensation to be divided equally between Jasper, Scott, and Newton counties effective October 1, 2026.
- 6.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Douglas Kelley to attend the 2026 MCDEMA Mid-Winter Conference to be held on November 16-19, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and payment in the amount of \$275.00 for registration, for Douglas Kelley and Hudson Jenkins to attend the Homemade Explosives Class on September 30, 2026 and the CO2 pipeline training course on October 3rd, 2026 both to be held in Pearl, MS and for Angie Duncan to attend the annual Veteran's Service Officer Training to be held at Camp Shelby on October 12-16, 2026 with no payment for registration.
- 7.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$454,300.00 made payable to the Mississippi State Treasurer for the counties portion of State Aid Project no. SAP-31(10)M to be paid as follows: \$449,772.84 out of Beat 4 bond funds and to withdraw the same out of the Beat 4 bond fund at Peoples' Bank and \$4,527.16 out of HB 603 Road Repairs.
- 8.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve taking under advisement the bid received for the purchase of one or more Motor Graders.
- 9.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to take under advisement the 2026 Land and Personal Rolls of Jasper County after a hearing was held and objections were received and heard from C Spire, AT&T, and T-Mobile.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve voiding the 2024 tax sale for PPIN 14430 for Kevin Blakeney and to refund the total paid for the tax sale to Corey Carney in the amount of \$38.55.

- 11.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising the sale of equipment, asset no. 302127, 140M Caterpillar Motor Grader, for Beat 2.
- 12.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve the bid received from Puckett in the amount of \$332,566.00 for the purchase of one CAT 140 motor grader for Beat 2.
- 13.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve a pay raise in the amount of \$2,500.00 annually for Nila Cromwell effective August 13, 2026.
- 14.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to recess the next special or called meeting to be held on August 25, 2026 to approve the 2026 Land and Personal Rolls for Jasper County.

DISCUSSION:

- **SB 2189 funds- DFA is working diligently and will hopefully have everything ready by the end of this month or the first of September**
- **HB603 funds- Beat 3-5 have \$4,527.16 each-----**

MUST BE SPENT BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

- **Letter from Morton Police Department requesting Surplus Vehicles- notify them that we don't have anything**