

MINUTES

September 21, 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, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Randy Plowden, Hudson Jenkins, Richard Faulker, Jeb Clearman, Emma Peacock, Tommie Fitzgerald, Ethan Dyess, Craig Plunges with Ameripro, Haskins Montgomery, Conner Dyess with Cyndi Hyde Smith, and Carol Evans

9:00 – Open bids for the sale of used equipment- Beat 2 Item #9

9:00 – Richard Faulkner- Shattered Windshield 601-527-6097

9:05 – Emma Peacock with Burrough's Diesel

9:10 – Tommie Fitzgerald Air Care 601-480-5121

9:15 – Jeb Clearman JJ Merchant Auction Proposal 601-596-4430 #10

- 1.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of September 21, 2026.
- 2.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for September 2026.
- 3.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve inventory changes per exhibit provided by Ryanne "Cricket" Brown, Inventory Clerk.
- 4.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sharon King and Erika Ball to attend the Legal Responsibilities Workshop on October 27-29, 2026 in Ridgeland, MS and payment in the amount of \$75.00 for registration.

- 5.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sheriff Randy Johnson to attend the Sheriff's Winter Conference on December 7-10, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and payment in the amount of \$250.00 made payable to the National Sheriff's Association for 2027 Dues.
- 6.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Doug Kelley and Hudson Jenkins to attend Exxon Mobile's training seminar in Wayne County as impartial observers, September 22, 2026.
- 7.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge and approve judge's order increasing salary for Katelyn Berch, Court Reporter for the 13th Circuit Court District in the amount of \$76,800.00 per year to be divided evenly between Covington, Jasper, Simpson, and Smith Counties effective November 1, 2026.
- 8.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve lease purchase quote received from Merchants and Planters Bank for one (1) Caterpillar Model 140-16 MMS Motor Grader, serial no. HD400342, in the amount of \$332,566.79 at a rate of 4.20% for 48 months for Beat 2 as lowest and best and previously approved by the Purchase Clerk.
- 9.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to reject bid received from JJ Merchant for the purchase of one (1) 2008 Motorgrader for Beat 2.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve contract with JJ Merchant for auctioning used equipment for Jasper County effective until September 21, 2027.
- 11.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising for bids to repair roads named in SB2189.

- 12.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve declaring emergency in the DHS/911 building in Bay Springs, MS due to a water heater busting and causing flooding and a lack of running water in the building as of Friday, September 18, 2026.
- 13.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to give Stanley Phillips a pay raise in the amount \$2.00 per hour, effective October 1, 2026.
- 14.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

DISCUSSION:

- **None**