

MINUTES

September 8, 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, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Haskins Montgomery, and Hudson Jenkins

10:00 –

- 1.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Jasper County Jail Meal Logs for August 2026.
- 2.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of September 8, 2026.
- 3.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes for August 2026.
- 4.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of land redemption collection report for July 2026 as provided by the Chancery Clerk, Sharon King.
- 5.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve 2025 tax assessment changes per exhibits provided by Katrice Campbell, Tax Assessor.
- 6.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Tax Loss Reimbursement Certificate for tax year 2025 received from the Department of Revenue.
- 7.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve audit contract for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 with McDuff, Wolfe, and Oppie.

- 8.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve contract with Johnny Wright Auctions to sell various pieces of equipment owned by Beat 4 as follows: 2024 Bush Hog 7' Cutter asset no. 304602, 2024 Bush Hog 7' Cutter asset no. 304604, and 2024 Bush Hog Cutter 7' asset no. 304606.
- 9.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve Managed Print Agreement with BCI effective September 8, 2026 to provide ink, toner, supplies, and service for all covered printers in the Jasper County Network.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve 16th section lease agreement between West Jasper School District and Santos Notalzo.
- 11.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$45.00 made payable to Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association for 2026-2027 dues for Hudson Jenkins.
- 12.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Aaron Jordan and Nila Cromwell to attend the EMSOF class to be held in Pearl, MS on September 30, 2026 and for Patrick Edwards to attend the NW ICAC Technology Conference in Bellevue, Washington on September 21-24, 2026 (expenses paid by Attorney General).
- 13.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Katrice Campbell to attend the 2026 MACA Fall conference to be held on October 26-29, 2026 in Natchez, MS.
- 14.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt and accept resignation received from Brandy Holmes as jailer effective August 20, 2026 for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.

- 15.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve full-time employment of Samantha Pruitt as jailer effective August 24, 2026 at a rate of \$16.25 per hour and pay raise in the amount of \$17.25 per hour for Wendy Willis effective August 29, 2026 for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.
- 16.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve holding Fire Insurance Rebate money in the amount of \$114,541.60 to prepare for future purchases of new apparatuses, that \$4,500.00 of the current rebate money be held for pump testing in February 2027, and that the county pay the individual Fire Departments an equal amount per the exhibit provided by Hudson Jenkins.
- 17.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve refund in the amount of \$3,540.44 made payable to Joyce James to correct an overpayment for 2025 taxes on PPIN 14952 previously paid on January 16, 2026 and approve tax assessment reduction for the 2026 tax year for PPIN 14952 after an objection was made by Joyce James at a hearing held on August 13, 2026 and it was determined though investigation that the previous assessment contained an error and needed to be corrected per Wayne Herring, Herring Appraisal.
- 18.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve Solid Waste refund in the amount of \$280.00 made payable to David and Tykeia Moore, acct. no. 13712 due to the fact that their address is in the city limits of Louin per Kevin Tally, Solid Waste Hearing Officer.
- 19.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$412.20 made payable to Amazon.com for the purchase of one (1) Feniex Typhoon Full-Function Siren and in the amount of \$75.99 made payable to Amazon.com for one (1) UTV Side and Center Mirror for the Montrose VFD to be paid out the HB603 VFD funds.

- 20.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$914.48 made payable to Hendry Services to replace 14 Ballasts, 56 light bulbs, and labor for the HAL VFD to be paid as follows: \$481.76 to be paid out of HB603 VFD funds and \$432.72 to be paid by HAL VFD.
- 21.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve emergency order to declare Bridge no. SA31-00071 on CR 29 in Beat 1 impassable due to a severe drop in the bridge deck until this emergency event can be assessed and repaired.
- 22.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$305,897.18 made payable to Chris Albritton Construction for project no. ERBR-31(03), bridge over Tallahoma Creek on CR 8, to be paid out of ERBR-31(03) funds.
- 23.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$24,836.81 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for project no. ERBR-31(03), bridge over Tallahoma Creek on CR 8, to be paid out of ERBR-31(03) funds.
- 24.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$45,714.19 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for project no. SAP-31(10)M, Taylorsville- Paulding Road, CR 12.
- 25.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve change order no. 4 for JSCBS-301-22(B) Beaver Meadow VFD to increase the amount by \$21,588.50 for the addition of a stove power outlet and under slab plumbing.
- 26.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$23,961.52 made payable to Twin L. Construction for project no. JSCBS-301-22B to be paid out of CDBG funds.

- 27.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve permanent transfers from General County to balance the FY 2026 Budget as follows: \$350,000.00 to Solid Waste, \$130,000.00 to the Ambulance Fund, and \$20,000.00 to the livestock fund.
- 28.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve employment of Brandon Kelley for County Wide at a rate of \$16.50 per hour effective today, September 8, 2026.
- 29.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve pay raise for RYanne “Cricket” Brown in the amount of \$19.50 per hour effective September 8, 2026.
- 30.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of check received from Cleaned and Green in the amount of \$8,750.00 for the extension of the land option previously offered and to pay the City of Bay Springs \$4,375.00 for their portion.
- 31.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve contract with Billy Rayner for Election services.
- 32.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Jon Jones to attend the Fall Workshop in Tupelo, MS October 13-15, 2026.
- 33.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising for lease purchase quotes to finance one (1) motor grader for Beat 2.
- 34.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to recess until the next special or called meeting to be held on September 15, 2026 at 9:00 am to approve the Fiscal year 2026-2027 budget.

DISCUSSION:

- **Library Board Appointment for Beat 4 and Beat 5**
- **Proclamation for Freddie Leggett**
- **Vote for up to 6 MASIT Trustees**
- **Fall workshop in Tupelo October 13-15- Does anyone want to attend? Registration open now- Ralph Jones going**
- **2025 Tax Sale Recap- \$629,924.17**
- **HB603 ROAD REPAIRS- Beats 3 and 5 have \$4,544.29 to spend by SEPTEMBER 25, 2026!!!! Invoice has to be received and paid by this date.**