MINUTES

October 5, 2026
Bay Springs, MS

Present were Eddie Helms, Sandy Stephens, Doug Rogers, Randy Corley, Jon R. Jones, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Aaron Jordan, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Chad Parker, Kevin Tally, Hudson Jenkins, JB Anderson, Prentiss Henley, Aaron with Ameripro, Haskins Montgomery, Kip Carrol with Exxon, and Carol Evans

9:00 – ~~Brandy Pittman~~

9:05 – JB with Parrish Tractor 601-508-1891

10:00 – Bid Opening Project LSBP-31(22) Item #22

1. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Jasper County Jail Meal Logs for September 2026.
2. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of October 5, 2026.
3. Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes for September 2026.
4. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of land redemption collection report for August 2026 as provided by the Chancery Clerk, Sharon King.
5. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Inventory Report as of September 30, 2026 per exhibit provided by Ryanne “Cricket” Brown.

6. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Balances on Hand as of September 30, 2026 for first and second districts of Jasper County for Circuit Court.

7. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve cost of living pay raise in the amount of 5% for all county employees effective October 1, 2026.

8. Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of donation received from Leaf River Energy for the Jasper County EMA.

9. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Haleigh Frazier to attend the Dispatch Certification class on November 6-10, 2026 in Waynesboro, MS and payment in the amount of $500.00 made payable to Dispatching and Training Solutions, LLC and Ryanne “Cricket” Brown to attend the 2026 Certification for Inventory Control Clerk training in Jackson, MS.

10. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of $1,500.00 made payable to Mississippi Circuit Clerks Association for 2026-2027 annual dues for Billy Rayner.

11. Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve renewing Provident Insurance Plan for Jasper County Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters at an annual rate of $6,421.00.

12. Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve holding special election to fill a vacant seat in Senate District 34 pursuant to section 23-15-851 of the Mississippi Annotated Code and to hold said election on December 22, 2026 and to grant the Election Commissioners 5 additional days pursuant to section 23-15-153(3) to provide adequate time to complete the extra work.

13. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve Cooperation Service Agreement with USDA for beaver control in Jasper County for 2027 in the amount of $7,500.00.

14. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of $201.40 made payable to Sharon Gray King, Chancery Clerk due to a payment received by the Board of Supervisors being deposited in error.

15. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of $3,571.43 made payable to Covington County to help cover the cost of creating a website for the Chancery Court, District 2.

16. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of $28,976.27 made payable to Chas. N. Clark Associates for project no. ERBR-31(03), Tallahoma Creek on CR 8, to be paid out of ERBR funds.

17. Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of $530,312.59 made payable to Chris Albritton Construction for project no. ERBR-31(03), Tallahoma Creek on CR 8, to be paid out of ERBR funds.

18. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve taking bids received for Project no. LSBP-31(22) under advisement.

19. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, 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 a possible incoming industry in Jasper County.

20. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve going into executive session to discuss a possible incoming industry in Jasper County.

21. Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve closing executive session with no action.

22. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve bid received from Beacon Construction, LLC in the amount of $646,987.92 for project no. LSBP-31(22), Bridge on CR 35 and to reject all others.

23. Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising county resources in the amount of $6,000.00 with the City of Bay Springs, MS.

24. Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve a resolution to apply for a small municipality/limited population county grant not to exceed $1,000,000.00 with a 25% match provided by Jasper County.

25. Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to recess until the next special or next called meeting to be held on October 19, 2026 at 9:00 AM in Bay Springs, MS to continue the business of the regular term.

DISCUSSION:

- **Library Board Appointment for Beat 4 and Beat 5**
- **Update on ERBR-STP/BR-0031(23)B- Engineering Plus requesting payment again- Doug to call Beth- Ricky to look for legal description for easement sent by Randy Plowden**
- **Alternative Claims Management**