

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

December 23, 1998

A. CALL TO ORDER

The December 23, 1998, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James Albert Riley of DeSoto County was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
James D. Pearson-----District 3
John Caldwell-----District 4
Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk/County Administrator
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff of DeSoto County
Bill Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor John Caldwell.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Petition - Residents East Craft Rd - to accept as County Road

This item was held over. ****See Exhibit C.1****

2. Appointee - County Library Board

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to appoint Elsa Taylor, of Pleasant Hills Estate, as the District 2 Appointee, to the County Library Board, with said term to expire December 31st, 2002. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.2****

ITEM C.3, CONTINUED,

3. Metro Narcotics - Gary Smith

a. A Settlement from Surplus Sale & Approval of Allocation

b. Transfer Matching Funds from Metro Narcotics Forfeitures to Metro Narcotics Grant

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the budget amendments under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Lower	001-901-999	General Fund Cash Balance	\$ 10,000.00
Increase	001-200-950	Sheriff Department Allocation to Metro Narcotics	\$ 10,000.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.3.a.b.****

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an transfer for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999 from Metro Narcotics Forfeitures to Metro Narcotics Grant. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve a transfer from Metro Narcotics Forfeitures to Metro Narcotics Grant under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19.

Lower	105-227-950	Forfeitures	\$ 19,203.00
Increase	115-000-384	Metro Narcotics Grant	\$ 19,203.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.3.a.b.****

4. Approval of Constable Fees & Budget Amendment - Tax Collector

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999.

ITEM C.4, CONTINUED,

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, and at the request of the

Tax Collector, Joey Treadway, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve Constable fees and to accept the budget amendments under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19, and in connection with Section 27-53-15 of the Mississippi Code which states mobile homeowner who owns the land on which the mobile home is located shall have the option at the time of registration of declaring whether the mobile home shall be classified as personal or real property. If the mobile home is to be classified as real property, then the wheels and axles must be removed and it must be anchored and blocked in accordance with the rules and procedures promulgated by the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Mississippi. as follows:

Increase	001-104-463	Constable Fees	\$ 4,900.00
Increase	001-000-214	Tax Collectors Fees	\$ 4,900.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.4****

5. Approval of Grant Applications - Parks

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the grant applications Summerwood Family/Retirement Park and Veteran's Park Trail. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.5****

6. Joe Thompson - Bankston Road

County Administrator W. E. "Sluggo" Davis notified the Board of Supervisors his office had received a call from Mr. Joe Thompson on Bankston Road. Mr. Davis said Mr. Thompson is not satisfied with the work done on Bankston Road. Mr. Davis said he has spoken with the County Engineer, Daniel Murphy who stated Road Manager, Kenny Gunn has done everything possible to Bankston Road. Mr. Davis said Mr. Thompson requested the Board of Supervisors have all rip rap removed from Bankston Road.

7. Hill Brothers

This item was to be held over until January 4th, 1999, however, the Comptroller, Dale Thompson appeared before the Board of Supervisors stating she has received an itemized list for insurance purposes from Hill Brothers. Ms. Thompson is requesting approval from the Board of Supervisors authorizing payment to Hill Brothers.

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to authorize the clerk to make payment to Hill Brothers in connection with the Walls Satellite building in the amount of \$ 12,257.80. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.. ****See Exhibit C.7****

ITEM D, CONTINUED,

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Daniel Murphy - Final Change Order for 98 Asphalt Contract

County Engineer, Daniel Murphy notified the Board of Supervisors of the Final Change Order in connection with the 98 Asphalt Contract. Mr. Murphy said this represented 2.250% overrun resulting in an amount of \$ 37,672.89 on the original \$ 1,471,000.00 contract.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Final Change Order for the 98 Asphalt Contract in the amount of \$ 37,672.89. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Absent
James D. Pearson-----Absent
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis-----Yes

****See Exhibit D.1****

2. Railroad Crossing - Green River Road

Vanessa Lynchard presented a letter to the Board of Supervisors from Illinois Central Railroad in connection with the Green River Road Railroad crossing.

In accordance with the letter, this project ranked over seven hundred of four thousand, resulting in a non-qualifying status in the foreseeable future. This letter gives DeSoto County the option of funding this project, at a cost of \$ 100,490 and the railroad would then maintain the crossing.

The Board of Supervisors discussed, the funding is not available for this expenditure. No motions were made, nor votes taken on this issue. ****See Exhibit D.2****

3. Board of Education

a. School Bus Turnaround

Vanessa Lynchard presented a letter from Jerry R. Baird, Superintendent of DeSoto County Schools requesting County assistance to maintain the following properties for the school bus turnarounds.

Katherine Price	Church Road- Dead End - Olive Branch, Ms	Bus #131
Dorothy Boyce	623 Geneva Berry - Byhalia, Ms	Bus #165
Charlotte Howard	1890 Old Pigeon Roost - Byhalia, Ms	Bus #80
Tina Woods	3730 Plum Ridge - Hernando, Ms	Bus #95
Larry Setzer	7120 Goodman - Walls, Ms	Bus #94
Carol Newby	9111 New Hwy 61 - Walls, Ms	Bus #106

ITEM D.3.a, CONTINUED,

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve County assistance in maintaining the above properties for school bus turnarounds. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.3.a****

b. Request for Playground Improvement

Vanessa Lynchard presented a letter from Jerry R. Baird, Superintendent of DeSoto County Schools requesting County assistance in making drainage improvements behind the playgrounds at Olive Branch Elementary and Chickasaw Elementary.

After much discussion, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold this item over until January 4th, 1999, pending recommendations by the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.3.b****

4. Merritt Powell

a. MPO - request for Support of Pedestrian Railroad Crossing

Merritt Powell of the Planning Commission appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting direction in connection with MPO on support of Pedestrian Railroad Crossings.

Mr. Powell explained to the Board of Supervisors that the MPO votes by priority, however, this vote will have no impact on Mississippi money. Mr. Powell reminded the Board of Supervisors, they are members of Tennessee as well as Mississippi Planning Organization.

Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested Mr. Powell vote with the majority. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked why would they need the vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion for Mr. Powell to vote with the majority.

Board Attorney asked for this issue to be further discussed on the agenda of January 4th, 1999, before the MPO meeting. Supervisor Eugene Thach and Supervisor Jessie Medlin withdrew their motion and second. This item was held over for further discussion on January 4th, 1999. ****See Exhibit D.4.a****

b. Approval of Health Department Letter for Green Village

County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis notified the Board of Supervisors the issue on the approval of Health Department for Green Village has already been recorded in Book 1, Page 413, and no further action is required.

No motions were made nor votes taken on this issue. ****See Exhibit D.4.b****

5. Allocation to parks & recreation - Horn Lake

Supervisor John Caldwell requested a park allocation in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 disbursed to the City of Horn Lake for cost share with parks and recreation. Supervisor Caldwell suggested this amount being deducted from his Fourth (4th) District Park Fund as the city is doing improvements at \$ 615,000 to parks.

ITEM D.5, CONTINUED,

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to deduct \$ 15,000.00 from the Fourth (4th) District Park Fund and disbursed to the City of Horn Lake for cost share with parks and recreation. This **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

6. Approval of Contract with Panola Construction for Jail Renovation

At the recommendation of Allen & Hoshall and with the approval of Bill Austin, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the contract with Panola Construction for the Jail Renovation. The

7. Ginger Allison

a. Approval to accept Workman's Compensation Proposals

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson presented the Workman's Compensation Proposals to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Ms. Thompson stated the low bidder was Madden & Powell in the amount of \$ 143,321.00 for January 1, 1999 to January 1, 2000. Ms. Thompson said Madden & Powell was low bidder in 1998 in the amount of \$ 141,146.00, which is only an increase of \$ 2,175.00.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve Madden & Powell as low bidder for the Workman's Compensation Proposal in the amount of \$ 143,321.00 for January 1, 1999 to January 1, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.7.a****

b. Approval of MEA Drug Consortium Contract Renewal

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson presented the MEA Drug Consortium Contract Renewal to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Ms. Thompson said all fees will remain the same with one minor change to the renewal contract. Ms. Thompson said if contract is not terminated in writing thirty (30) days before effective date of renewal, the contract will automatically renew and a \$ 125.00 administration fee will become due in January of each year.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the MEA Drug Consortium Contract. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.7.b****

8. Dale Thompson - Budget Amendments

a. Tax Collector

Tax Collector, Joey Treadway appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting a budget amendment in the amount of \$ 2,357.00 for the year end quarter of 1998.

ITEM 8.a., CONTINUED,

Supervisor John Caldwell asked Mr. Treadway if this budget amendment is still based on a 7% across the board salary increase. Mr. Treadway replied, yes. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Treadway if he would like to make a presentation in connection with this budget amendment. Mr. Treadway responded, his budget was over for this quarter. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Treadway if his budget would continue to be over in 1999. Mr. Treadway replied, yes.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis stated at this time, he felt the Board of Supervisors would not allow a 7% blanket increase across the board. Mr. Treadway said he did not understand the difference of a 7% increase versus a elevated pay raise to certain employees. Supervisor John Caldwell said adjustments could be made to bring people in line, such as merit raises. Supervisor Caldwell reminded Mr. Treadway the cost of living increase of 1.3% per Social Security Standards, and the Board of Supervisors budgeted for a 5% raise collectively.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said if specific individuals needed to be discussed, then executive session would be requested. Supervisor John Caldwell said if no particular employee stands out for their work, then that employee should only receive a 5% raise.

Mr. Treadway stated he had appeared previously before the Board and presented statistics indicating employee's salaries less than other office's in the Courthouse. Supervisor John Caldwell remarked statistics were faulted.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis told Mr. Treadway the Board approved 5% raises, and he was asking the Board to go against policy. Mr. Treadway replied all of his employees asked for the same amount of raise in salary, and he felt it unfair to bring each individual before the Board to discuss a salary increase. Mr. Treadway reminded Supervisor John Caldwell his department was the only office in the County making money for the County.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he did not see how a department could have sixteen (16) employees all making the same amount of salary. Supervisor Medlin said the first (1st) year the Board was in office, the Board refused to give a 5% increase. Mr. Treadway replied his senior employees are management employees, as presently he has a good staff and does not want to lose them.

Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested the Tax Collector making adjustments to his budget to bring his employee's in line with the 5% salary increase. Mr. Treadway responded, he would not do that. County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis asked Mr. Treadway on the December 31, 1998 payroll did he want the Comptroller, Dale Thompson to reduce each employee the same amount of percentage. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested asking the State Auditor, Kelly McGee how to handle the reduction in payroll.

Supervisor Jake Pearson told Mr. Treadway each department head came before the Board of Supervisors regarding additional pay increases for distinguished employees of their department. Supervisor Pearson said the Board may have gone along with additional increases for some of his employees, however, Supervisor Pearson said he never knew of a department where all employees received the same amount of pay in performance equally. Supervisor Eugene Thach reminded Mr. Treadway the Board voted a 5% raise for all County employees.

ITEM 8,a., CONTINUED,

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Mr. Treadway had previously stated he would not discuss the list on a individual basis, as all of his ladies were equal. Mr. Treadway said he had spoken with Supervisor Tommy Lewis in connection with working out a resolution for this dilemma. Supervisor Lewis responded, yes, however, the Board set a 5% increase for all County employees and would stand united.

Supervisor John Caldwell said at some point sensitivity stops, however, if a new

employee begins at \$ 14,400.00 and is under paid, come before the Board to discuss this employee. Supervisor Caldwell said the blanket increase is not going to work. Supervisor Jake Pearson agreed.

Tax Collector, Joey Treadway suggested approving the budget amendment for \$ 2,357.00 for this quarter, then he would reduce salaries to 5% in the second (2nd) quarter of FY99.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, to instruct the Comptroller, Dale Thompson to work with the State Auditor, Kelly McGee to get the salaries of the Tax Collector's office in line with what was approved by the Board of Supervisors. This motion died for lack of second.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion to reflect the 5% increase in salaries, however, amortizing all future checks in 1999 to reduce the extra 2% increase in salary. After discussion, Supervisor Tommy Lewis withdrew the motion, Supervisor Eugene Thach said employees should only receive a 5% increase. The Comptroller, Dale Thompson asked if the Tax Collector, Joey Treadway could give more of an increase to some employees than others. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to amend the budget and over the next three (3) quarters to reflect a 5% increase, and to approve a budget amendment to reduce all future checks. Supervisor Caldwell withdrew the motion.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for \$ 2,357.00 for the first (1st) quarter of FY99, and beginning January 1st, 1999 approved a reduction in payroll to reflect a 5% increase for the employees of the Tax Collector's office, by the end of FY99 to make the total increase for the year equal 5%. This **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.8.a****

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999 for the Tax Collectors office as follows:

Increase	001-104-521	Land Sale Advertisement	\$ 2292.00
Increase	001-104-600	Books Required	\$ 143.00
Lower	001-104-501	Postage	\$ 2292.00
Lower	001-104-501	Postage	\$ 143.00

Mr. Treadway also requested an amendment for the following:

Increase	001-104-477	Travel in County	\$ 2500.00
Increase	001-104-502	Telephone	\$ 2601.00

Items 001-104-477 for Travel in County and item 001-104-502 for Telephone will be held over until May, 1999, or until necessary.

ITEM D.8.a, CONTINUED,

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Land Sale Advertisement in the amount of \$ 2,292.00; the Books Required in the amount of \$ 143.00, and to hold the Travel in County in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 and the Telephone in the amount of \$ 2,601.00 until May, 1999 or until needed. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

****See Exhibit D.8.a****

b. Operations & Maintenance

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999 for Operations & Maintenance as follows:

Increase	001-150-934	Furniture/Fixtures	\$ 130.00
Lower	001-150-587	Training	\$ 130.00

According to the recommendation of the Comptroller, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to approve the budget amendment for **Operations & Maintenance** as recommended.

****SEE EXHIBIT D.8.b.****

c. CDBG - Nesbit Water - Approval of payment - Edward T. Davis & Assoc.

This item was held over for the Claims Docket on January 4th, 1999.

****See Exhibit D.8.c****

d. Wastewater Management & GIS Needs Assessment

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson said the budget will not cover the balance of these contracts. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, and with the approval of Merritt Powell, and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999 for the Wastewater Management & GIS Needs Assessment as follows:

Increase	001-107-596	GIS & Sewer Study	\$ 26,000.00
Increase	001-107-596	GIS & Sewer Study	\$ 13,380.00
Increase	001-107-596	GIS & Sewer Study	\$ 8,758.00
Lower	001-107-594	Impact Fees	\$ 26,000.00
Lower	001-107-402	Deputy Planners Salary	\$ 13,380.00
Lower	001-901-999	General Fund Balance	\$ 8,758.00

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments for Wastewater Management & GIS Needs Assessment. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT D.8.d****

ITEM D.8.e., CONTINUED,

e. Civil Defense

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1999 for the salary increase for Civil Defense as follows:

Increase	001-260-400	Director Salary	\$ 2,500.00
Increase	001-260-465	Retirement Match	\$ 244.00
Increase	001-260-466	Social Security Match	\$ 191.00
Lower	001-901-999	General Fund	\$ 2,935.00

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendments for Civil Defense in the amount of \$ 2,935.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT D.8.e****

The Comptroller also requested a Budget Amendment to cover overtime recently paid to T. H. Walker.

Increase	001-260-400	Director's Overtime	\$ 720.00
Increase	001-260-465	Retirement Match	\$ 70.00
Increase	001-260-466	Social Security Match	\$ 55.00

Supervisor Jake Pearson recommended the County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis, and Board Attorney, William Austin meet to discuss and return before the Board with recommendations in connection with the FEEMA overtime, January 4th, 1999. ****See Exhibit D.8.e****

9. EMS Procurement Card

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson presented a request from EMS to acquire a procurement card with a limit of \$ 500.00. Ms. Thompson said Bobby Storey would be in charge of the card, as it would be used for emergency use only.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the Comptroller, Dale Thompson how many cards would be issued to EMS. Ms. Thompson responded, only one (1) card would be issued and Bobby Storey would be in charge of the Procurement card.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the procurement card for EMS with a limit of \$ 500.00. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

- Jessie Medlin-----No
- Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
- James D. Pearson-----Yes
- John Caldwell-----Yes
- Tommy Lewis-----Yes

****See Exhibit D.9****

ITEM D.10, CONTINUED

10. Bid under advisement - Ambulance

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked at what amount had the previous ambulances been purchased. Bobby Storey replied, \$ 44,800.00 each. County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis stated Mr. Storey had spoken with all department heads in connection with the ambulances and everyone was pleased with the selection. Bobby Storey said the old units could be traded in, or possibly sold out right.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to take bids under advisement. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the County could go out for bids on the financing of the ambulances. Supervisor Caldwell withdrew his previous motion.

Supervisor Jake Pearson asked if the city pays the difference between the base price and price with amenities. Bobby Storey said these are standard ambulances. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Bobby Storey who pays the maintenance on these ambulances. Bobby Storey replied, the cities pay for maintenance.

Supervisor Jake Pearson said with the County purchasing new ambulances, this too should be included in the Tax Equity Study. Bobby Storey said during the last few weeks, there have been times there has been only one (1) ambulance left to cover the entire County. Supervisor Eugene Thach said in the past the Director has always brought his recommendations regarding the old ambulances to the Board for approval.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the cities should return the ambulances previously purchased by the County.

Bobby Storey recommended the low bidder, Wheeled Coach in the amount of \$376,061.00 for a total of seven (7) ambulances. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take ambulance bids under advisement and to authorize Vanessa Lynchard to secure financing for the seven (7) ambulances. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.10****

11. Approval of Ambulance Services Invoices

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson presented a request from the EMS for Board approval to pay \$ 15.00 to the Division of Emergency Medical Services for DeeAnna E. Davis, license renewal and \$ 350.00 each for Eudora and Lewisburg, to the Mississippi State Department of Health for license for the Ambulance Service.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the invoices for the Division of Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$ 15.00, and to the Mississippi State Department of Health for license for the Lewisburg and Eudora Ambulance Service in the amount of \$ 350.00 each. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.11****

12. Accept State Tax Commission Approval of Ad Valorem Exemption - General Parts, Inc.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to accept the State Tax Commission's approval of the Ad Valorem Exemption for General Parts, Inc. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.12****

ITEM D.13, CONTINUED,

13. Traffic Light - Church Road & Getwell Road (County & City of Southaven)

County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis presented a request for a traffic light at the intersection of Church Road and Getwell Road for public safety.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Board Attorney, William Austin if the County could possibly get funding from State Aid. Mr. Austin said these roads belong to the County and the safety of the roadway is the cities responsibility.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the present light could possibly be converted at this location. Supervisor John Caldwell said no, as this flashing light would be replaced with a traffic light. Supervisor John Caldwell recommended using sensors for approaching traffic.

County Administrator, W. E. "Sluggo" Davis notified the Board, the City of Southaven has a traffic light available to use at the intersection of Church Road & Getwell Road, but they are requesting assistance for the light under the terms for the flashing light.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve a traffic light at the intersection of Church Road & Getwell Road, with the County and the City of Southaven providing the light, sharing cost of the traffic light, under the same agreement used to install the flashing light dated 1/7/98, proper notification of traffic light ahead for approaching traffic. Upon review of the Board Minutes dated 1/7/98 which states the City of Southaven will pay for maintenance, upkeep, and installation of traffic light, if the County will pay for the equipment, not to exceed \$ 1,500.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote pending the recommendation of the Board Attorney.

14. Accepting Audit FY97 by Williams & Pitts into the minutes

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Audit FY97 by William & Pitts as part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.14****

15. Travel - Joe Waggoner & Carl Ray Furr with Blue Ribbon Committee

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to approve travel for Joe Waggoner and Carl Ray Furr with the Blue Ribbon Committee travel to Washington to conduct business on the sewer study. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.15****

16. Chancery Court Allowances

Allowances for the Chancery Court Clerk were presented to the Board of Supervisors for the December, 1998, term in the amount of \$ 2,036.66. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Chancery Clerk Allowances pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****SEE EXHIBIT D.16****

17. Approval for Increases & Reductions in Assessments

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the increases and reductions in assessments as presented by the Tax Assessor. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.17****

ITEM D.18, CONTINUED,

18. Approval of Invoice from Jim Terrell

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the invoice from Jim Terrell, Sr., in the amount of \$ 150.00 for services in acquiring Right of Way located on Church Road from Patrick & Shirley Howard in the amount of \$ 50.00; Rickey & Patricia Dillard in the amount of \$ 50.00; and Jimmy Brannan in the amount of \$ 50.00 and authorized the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.18****

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The "Executive Session" portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called "Executive Session.

F. OTHER ISSUES

1. Approval of Constables Lost Cost Allowance

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 25-7-27 of the Mississippi Code, for servicing all warrants and other process, attending all trials in state cases in which the state fails in the prosecution, to be paid out of the county treasury on the allowance of the Board of Supervisors without itemization, subject, however, to the condition that the marshal or constable must not have overcharged in the collection fees for costs, contrary to the provisions of this section, annually not to exceed \$ 1,000.00. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Constables Lost Cost Allowance in the amount of \$ 1,000.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.1****

2. Bridge Program

County Engineer, Daniel Murphy notified the Board of Supervisors of the LSBP Bridge Program, and requested Sandidge Road to be listed on the Bridge Program.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Murphy how many bridges are on Sandidge Road. Mr. Murphy replied, two (2).

Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested placing arnold bridge by Hoppers Feed Mill on the bridge program. Mr. Murphy replied anything less than twenty (20') feet would not be covered under the Bridge Program.

At the recommendation of the County Engineer, Daniel Murphy, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve Sandidge Road to be placed on the Bridge Program. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
James D. Pearson-----Absent
John Caldwell-----Yes
Tommy Lewis-----Yes

****See Exhibit F.2****

ITEM F.3, CONTINUED,

3. Road Programs

County Engineer, Daniel Murphy notified the Board of Supervisors of the Road Programs. Mr. Murphy said he suggests the following three (3) roads be listed on the Road Programs as follows:

- (1) Bethel Road #STP 1969

- (1) Holly Springs Road #STP 1920 From the Edge of Hernando past the

Coldwater River Bridge

(2) Ingram Mills Road

At the recommendation of the County Engineer, Daniel Murphy, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve Bethel Road #STP 1969; Holly Springs Road #STP 1920, from the edge of Hernando past the Coldwater River Bridge; and Ingram Mills Road to be added to the Road Programs. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----	Yes
James D. Pearson-----	Absent
John Caldwell-----	Yes
Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

****SEE EXHIBIT F.3****

The Board of Supervisors told Mr. Murphy that Pleasant Hill Road needs to be opened as soon as possible.

4. Railroad Crossings

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to instruct the County Engineer, Daniel Murphy and the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn to examine all Railroad crossings in the County and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. ****See Exhibit F.4****

5. Bond Renewal - Supervisor Eugene C. Thach

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented an bond renewal invoice in the amount of \$ 280.00 covering a renewal period of January 3rd, 1999 to January 3rd, 2000.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion, and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the invoice from Brown & Haynes Insurance, Inc., in the amount of \$ 280.00 for a bond renewal for Supervisor Eugene Thach covering a renewal period of January 3rd, 1999 to January 3rd, 2000 and authorized the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.5****

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adjourn until Monday, January 1, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

THIS the 23rd day of December, 1998, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

TOMMY LEWIS, President

DeSoto County Board of Supervisors