A. CALL TO ORDER

The September 3, 2003, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Gerald Clifton, Board President.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department 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:

- Supervisor Jessie Medlin------------------District 1
- Supervisor Eugene C. Thach--------------District 2
- Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----------------District 3
- Supervisor John Caldwell-----------------District 4
- Supervisor Tommy Lewis------------------District 5
- W. E. Sluggo Davis------------------------Chancery Clerk
- Sheriff James A. Riley -------------------Sheriff
- David Armstrong--------------------------County Administrator
- Bobby Chamberlin------------------------Board Attorney
- Chief Deputy Charlie Brown---------------Sheriff’s Dept.

B. INVOCATION

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PLANNING COMMISSION

The minutes for the portion of the meeting organized by the Planning Commission are presented and made a part of these minutes as Exhibit D.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. County Engineer’s Report

County Engineer Andy Swims and Assistant County Engineer Scott Young presented the County Engineer’s report to the Board of Supervisors as explained in Exhibit F.1.

Mr. Swims said regarding the Item No. 1.A - Church Road and 305 - They have been working to perfect the signal timing.

Regarding Item No. 1.B - Poplar Corner Road - Mr. Swims said about half of the right-of-way on Poplar Corner Road has been donated and they have obtained legal descriptions for the property. At the recommendation of the County Engineer, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to submit the Engineering to
Chamberlin/Nowak to have them prepare right-of-way deeds on Poplar Corner Road. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Regarding Item No. 1.C - Church Road at Pleasant Hill - County Engineer Andy Swims said this light should be the 6th of November.

Regarding Item No. 1.E - Starlanding Road and Nail Road railroad bridges - Mr. Swims said he got a schedule and the present estimate for this construction to begin is June 2004.

Regarding Item No. 2.A – Bridgetown - Mr. Swims said the drainage pipe has been replaced and it looks like a good solution.

Regarding Item No. 4.B - Closing of Mitchell Road - Mr. Swims said TDOT has requested closing the road from November, 2004 to June, 2005. He said closing the road should not have much affect. Supervisor Caldwell asked how the traveling public will be affected after hours. Supervisor Caldwell said cooperation is a two-way street and TDOT and the state of Tennessee need to cooperate with the county on Getwell Road. (See Other Issues #2)

Regarding Item No. 4.C, Detention Basin Requirements, the County Engineer Andy Swims said he is trying to update the county’s procedures regarding drainage basin requirements. Mr. Swims explained that the county has a lot of small developments that come in. Mr. Swims recommended getting a stronger ordinance written regarding drainage basins to prevent problems in this area. Mr. Swims said he is working with other cities and counties to develop a plan.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the County Engineer’s report as presented. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit F.1**

2. **Jail Inspection**

The Board does hereby find that, pursuant to Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, periodic examinations into the state and condition of the DeSoto County Jail, in regards to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners is required. Pursuant to Section 19-5-1, the Board of Supervisors, or a competent person authorized by the Board of Supervisors, shall examine the jail for said compliance. The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors has a policy of attempting to inspect the DeSoto County Jail on a monthly basis and a requirement that the DeSoto County Jail be inspected as often as is mandated by Mississippi statute, State and/or Federal law. By direction of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors, the following persons were directed pursuant to Section 19-5-1 to perform the required examination into the state and condition of the jail and to report back to the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the above named committee has reported back to the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors. That both of them have examined the DeSoto County Jail regarding its state and condition in regard to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners, and do find the jail to be in compliance and requiring no further action at this time.
Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the observed condition of the jail and to state there was no overcrowding of the jail, and do find the jail to be in compliance and requiring no further action at this time. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Receiving Clerk, Sheriff’s Department – Appointment of Michelle Laughter

At the recommendation of Sheriff James Albert Riley, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the Sheriff to appoint Michelle Laughter as Receiving Clerk for the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department and to remove Belinda Rhines as Receiving Clerk for the Sheriff’s Department.

**See Exhibit F.3**

4. Authorization to Open Bids

a. Church Road - Pleasant Hill to Getwell, October 3, 2003 @ 10:00

At the recommendation of the County Engineer, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for the grading, drainage, base, and paving of 1.959 miles on Church Road known as County Project No. CO-17 (4) on October 3, 2003 at 10 o’clock. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit F.4.a**

b. Red Banks Road (State Aid) October 8, 2003 @ 11:00

The County Engineers notified the Board of Supervisors of a bid opening for Red Banks Road and Center Hill Road on October 8th known as State Aid Project No. SAP-17 (7)M.

5. DCRUA – Request for Funding for Wetlands Mitigation

Bill Austin, Executive Director of DCRUA, requested the county consider purchasing one and one-half acres of wetland to bank in the wetlands program. Mr. Austin explained if the Board agrees to do so he needs the check today. Mr. Austin said this has already been approved by DCRUA Board.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the clerk to write the check to the Delta Land Trust for the expenditure of one and one-half acres of land at $3,500 to put in a wetlands bank. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Tax Collector – Personal Property Contract

Tax Collector Joey Treadway said last year he contracted with an individual to help with personal property collections. Mr. Treadway said he would like to do so again and he has a contract prepared for the Board’s approval. Mr. Treadway said the county has 506 parcels left after the tax sale. Mr. Treadway said the county system really works as DeSoto County has one of the highest collection rates of any county. Mr. Treadway explained that the county made $136,000.00 on the tax sale this year. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to
approve the independent contract for Tina Hill to perform the above mentioned work in the Tax Collector’s office. The Board clarified Ms. Hill is not a county employee but a contract person. The motion included accepting the contract and making it part of the minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session minutes are presented in the portion of the minutes called Exhibit G.

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Road Off Lee Road

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he found out that one property owner owns the right-of-way property necessary for the county to adopt the road off Lee Road and he has agreed to donate the property.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve adopting the road off Lee Road into County Maintenance contingent upon the donation of right-of-way of 53 feet of right-of-way by the property owners. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit F.5**

2. Getwell Road

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the County Engineer to find out what the state of Tennessee has planned for Getwell Road from the end of the current four-lane south of Holmes Road to the state line. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested getting Jim McDougal to look into the situation as he is our MPO representative. Jim McDougal joined the meeting. The Board explained to Mr. McDougal that TDOT wants the county to close a road so they can replace a bridge north of Stateline Road. The Board explained that they want to cooperate but the state of Tennessee needs to cooperate with DeSoto County on Getwell Road.

Mr. McDougal said Getwell is on the list of things to do for the State of Tennessee. He said the State of Tennessee has some annexation issues that have prevented them from addressing Getwell Road so far. Mr. McDougal said that his contact thought it would be next summer before they got to this section of road. Mr. McDougal explained that this section of road is in Shelby County and not in the city.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to recess this meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors until September 15, 2003 at 9:00 am. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor John Caldwell  ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis  YES

THIS the 3rd day of September, 2003, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Gerald L. Clifton, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors