

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT FOUR LEE CALDWELL, PRESIDING

August 26, 2014

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 26, 2014 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Board President.

Sheriff Bill Rasco of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and opened the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear all business before the Board of Supervisors. The following officials were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	District 1
Supervisor Mark Gardner	District 2
Supervisor Bill Russell	District 3
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Harvey Lee	District 5
Sheriff Bill Rasco	Sheriff
W. E. Sluggo Davis	Chancery Clerk
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator
Tony Nowak	Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Lee Caldwell presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Discussions FY15

Road Manager Andy Swims asked the Board if they wanted to add a line item to the budget for Centerhill Road and Hacks Cross Road. He said they need to know what area to protect and the line item would take care of that.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell asked if they are going to look at Nail Road Interchange at I-55 and Nail Road alignment. Mr. Swims said yes. He said he has several funds he could pull from for that line item. Supervisor Caldwell said she would like for Andy to work with the Corps of Engineers as well; Mr. Swims said they can do that.

Mr. Swims discussed where they could pull the funds for the line item. He said it will cost approximately \$100,000 for each project and will include a preliminary survey and preliminary plans.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to approve creating a new project line for the Nail Road alignment with the funding to be split between the Road and Bridge in the proper percentages determined by the portion of work allocable to road work and allocable to bridge work, with the percentages and amounts to be determined.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District YES
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District YES

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve creating a new project line for the Nail Road Interchange-I-55 with \$100,000 funding coming from the bridge fund.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District YES
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District YES

Mr. Swims said there are five potential NRCS Projects in the budget.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve allowing the Road Manager to work with and the City of Olive Branch to evaluate cleaning out Lick Creek.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District YES
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District YES

Supervisor Lee Caldwell asked if the cities would do half of the project with NRCS. Mr. Swims said he would check on that.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve moving fund 163 back to the General Fund.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District ABSENT
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District YES
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District YES

Chief Financial Officer Tom Arnold read the bonds and explained what they are for and the status of each bond. He said all projects on the Fire Department projects are complete.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion to take enough residual money from prior bonds to cover architect fees for the Sheriff's Administration shortfall.

Supervisor Caldwell withdrew her motion.

The Board discussed an addition to the Fairhaven Fire Department. Supervisor Medlin asked if it would be legal for the county to finance it and the Fire Department pay the county back. The Board discussed this option but no decisions were made at this time.

Supervisor Gardner asked if the county could contribute to the Child Advocacy one time until they get their grant.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve a one-time contribution in the amount of \$22,377 to the Child Advocacy Center and for them to come back to the Board each year for evaluation of needs for funding.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>NO</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

Ms. Lynchard discussed the county policy on college reimbursement to employees. The Board discussed changing the policy and options they might implement.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Bill Russell seconded the motion to reimburse up to \$2000 an employee per year starting with fall 2014 semester with a maximum pool in the county budget of \$20,000; with all applicants being reviewed by the department heads and the County Administrator, with final approvals by the Board of Supervisors.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>NO</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>NO</u>

Supervisor Russell discussed shifting \$30,000 to the Parks Department from the Road Department and pay them in case they get too busy to do it.

Supervisor Medlin said he would like to leave it the way it is now.

Supervisor Bill Russell made the motion and Supervisor Harvey Lee seconded the motion to approve adjusting the millage so as to decrease \$30,000 from the Road Department and increase by \$30,000 the General Fund for funding the Recreational District budget for cutting grass in the parks.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>NO</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portion of these minutes is recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion to recess the Board meeting until September 2, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Lee Caldwell.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>

Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District

YES

THIS the 26th day of August, 2014, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Lee Caldwell, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors