



BOARD MINUTES  
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Forrest County, MS

Age Lance C. Reid Chancery Clerk

**of the**  
**Forrest County Board of Supervisors**  
**November 20, 2023**

A. Call to Order

B. Public Forum

- **Hattiesburg Arts Council**
- **Mississippi State Department of Health, Chad Bridges**

C. Approve or Amend Agenda

1. Continue in effect the Board President's March 13, 2020, Proclamation of Emergency of a Local Emergency in connection with COVID-19 Pandemic pursuant to Miss Code Section 22-15-17(d).

2. Acknowledge receipt of Check No. 101246064 from The State of MS Department of Finance and Administration, in the amount of \$12,102.83, for the Forrest County Youth Drug Court.

3A. Acknowledge 16<sup>th</sup> Section Public School Trust Land Residential Lease between Hattiesburg Municipal School District and Jerry Little, PPIN 017577, containing 1.11 acres, m/l, with an annual rent of \$1,839.50, and approve Board President to execute.

3B. Approve and authorize Petitions For Reduction of Assessment for PPINS 2881 and 1932, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.

4A. Acknowledge for recording in Board Minutes, the Multi-Purpose Center report for the month of October 2023, as submitted by Mike Turnage, Director.

4B. Acknowledge for recording in Board Minutes, the Road and Bridge Department report for the month of October 2023, as submitted by Kyle Mims, Road Manager.

5. Approve and authorize the closing of County offices on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26, 2023 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Monday, January 1, 2024, in observance of New Year's Day, as per Mississippi Code Ann §3-3-7(1) by Order of the Governor's Proclamation; authorize rescheduling of Board of Supervisors Meeting from Monday, January 1, 2024 to Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

6. Approve and authorize the request for the attached list of items to be removed from Inventory, per the request of Inventory Control Clerk, Johnnie Fairchild.

7. Acknowledge letter from Arcosa Aggregates and attached list of price changes, giving notice of price increase on sand and gravel products effective January 1, 2024.

8. Acknowledge Order for Payment of Court Reporter's Fees, payable to Elena C. James, Official Court Reporter, in the total amount of \$1,060.80, pursuant to the Orders signed by Judge Jon Mark Weathers on November 7, 2023.

9. Acknowledge Order Approving Court-Appointed Attorney's Fees, payable to Shakita Taylor, in the total amount of \$1,716.80, pursuant to the Order signed by Judge Michael McPhail on November 3, 2023, and the Orders signed by Judge Jess Dickinson on October 30, 2023.

10. Acknowledge Order Approving Interpreter's Fees, payable to Amanda Hohol, in the amount of \$50.00, pursuant to the Order signed by Chancellor Chase Morgan on November 7, 2023.

11. Acknowledge Order to reimburse Shronda Carter, in the amount of \$380.00, for payment to the Mississippi Bar Association for 2023-2024 enrollment fees, pursuant to the Order signed by Judge Carol Jones Russell on November 13, 2023.

12A. Approve and authorize payment to Kayla Shelby, in the amount of \$150.00, for return of cleaning deposit for the Extension Conference Center.

12B. Approve and authorize payment to Taketia Brownlow, in the amount of \$150.00, for return of cleaning deposit for the Extension Conference Center.

13. Acknowledge Administrative Order Appointing Temporary Additional Court Reporter, payable to Patsy Ainsworth Young, in the amount of \$78.40, pursuant to the Order signed by Judge Sheila Smallwood on October 25, 2023.

14. Acknowledge copy of the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority Audited Financial Statements for September 30, 2023 and 2022.

15. Approve and authorize payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$4,316.83 for Supervisors' and County Administrator Credit Card Statements for October 2023. (David Hogan \$0; Sharon Thompson \$1,849.82; Burkett Ross \$0; Roderick Woullard \$2,403.89; Chris Bowen \$0; Jennifer Slade \$63.12).

16. Approve and authorize Pay Application No. 24 from Shows, Dearman, and Waits, payable to TL Wallace, in the amount of \$291,569.41, for Project No. ERBR-18(03) East Hardy Street/Main Street Bridge Replacement.

17. Acknowledge the payment to Election Poll Workers, listed on the Claims Docket, in the total amount of \$69,020.84 for their work in the November 7, 2023 general election.

18. Approve and authorize Capital Outlay Expenditures and Emergency Purchase:

1. **iTech Systems**-IT Department to purchase 2 switches (\$1,100.00 ea) and 2 transceiver modules (\$80.00 ea) for a total of \$2,360.00.
2. **Lowe's**-Maintenance to purchase a wet/dry vacuum for the janitor at the Extension Office in the amount of \$99.00.
3. **Amazon**-Infant/Toddler program to purchase 2 Amazon Fire tablets (\$150.00 ea) using requisition #77987.
4. Maintenance to purchase 100 chairs (\$30.23 ea...total \$3,023.00) and furnishings for the Danny Hinton Community Center (not to exceed \$10,000.00)

**Emergency Purchase**

**AAMCO**-Service Center had a transmission repaired on a 2019 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$5,775.00 (see attached purchase order, requisition, letter and quote).

19. Approve and authorize Officials and Staff to travel and attend Mississippi Association of Supervisors 2023 New Term Orientation December 6 and 7, 2023, which will be held at the Sheraton Refuge in Flowood; authorize payment for registration fees and hotel cost for newly elected officials pursuant to Miss Code Ann. §19-3-41(6).

20A. Consider the purchase of a Sponsorship/Advertisement for the Dixie Community Basketball 2023-2024 season, in the amount of \$2,000.00, paid from Rec 1, to assist with the purchase of uniforms and equipment to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-1-1 and §17-3-3.

20B. Consider the purchase of a Sponsorship/Advertisement for the Hattiesburg High Basketball varsity girls' basketball team, in the amount of \$2,500.00, to support the basketball program and annual Holiday Classic basketball tournament, purchasing trophies, t-shirts, and team meals to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-1-1 and §17-3-3.

21. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

22. Approve Commercial Claims Docket, as presented.

23. Approve Payroll Action Forms.

24. Approve and authorize payment to Sonyietta Tatum, in the amount of \$1,048.23, for the refund on PPIN 13590, in error, state issued county tax forfeited refund fees on property settled to state per request of Secretary of State's Office.

25. Approve and authorize invoice from Dunn Roadbuilders listing prices for the extra asphalt used on P.O. No. 156443, in the amount of \$10,086.63, for the guardrail pads on the bridge at Ollie Williams Road, and extending the length of Ryan Road.

26. Acknowledge and approve request from the FCSO to enter a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc, for 5 years, totaling \$39,792.85 for the purchase of tasers.

27. Authority to discuss a legal matter and potential settlement offer regarding a claim recently forwarded to the County on behalf of three claimants.

28. Acknowledge Order to pay Court Programs, Inc, in the amount of \$3,753.50, for house arrest monitors for juvenile defendants, pursuant to the Order signed by Judge Carol Jones Russell on November 16, 2023.

29. Acknowledge Order Granting Court Interpreter's Fees, payable to Jonathan Pack, in the amount of \$127.21, for court interpreting services, pursuant to the Order signed by Chancellor Rhea Sheldon on November 15, 2023.

30. Approve obligation of payment to Pearl River Community College in the amount of \$100,000, paid from District 3 ARPA, for funding of building expansion.

31. Approve obligation of payment to Dynamic Dyslexia Design, The 3-D School & Evaluation Center, in the amount of \$100,000 paid from District 3 ARPA, for funding of building expansion.

32. Approve obligation of payment to Petal Children's Task Force in the amount of \$100,000, paid from District 3 ARPA, for funding of building expansion.

33. Approve obligation of payment to Petal School District in the amount of \$100,000, paid from District 3 ARPA, for funding of building expansion.

#### Additions 11/20/2023

34. Approve and authorize the request from Hattiesburg Arts Council for \$25,000, to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-1-1 and §17-3-3.

35. Approve and authorize the request of Chad Bridges, Mississippi Department of Health, for a security system, lower quote from Security Blanket Inc., in the amount of \$12,140.00, which will be reimbursed by the Health Department.

36. Approval for work to be completed on JC Burt and Temple Road bridges.

37. Approval for Penny Steed, Comptroller, to close out and transfer \$4.00 from fund 403 to fund 401 for the Forrest County Sheriff's Office.

38. Approval for Shows, Dearman, and Waits to survey Right of Ways for Convington Engineers.

39. Clear room.

40. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and potential litigation.

41. Exit Executive Session.

42. Authority for Board Attorney to make an offer for settlement in the amount of \$60,000 per person.

43. Approval for Nick Williams, Assistant Planner, to be dismissed from employment and all duties of employment with Forrest County.

44. Clear room.

45. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters with Planning Department.

46. Exit Executive Session.

47. Adjourn to Monday, December 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

## **Taken Under Advisement**

- I.** Acknowledge for recording in Board Minutes, Applicant Request Form For Amendment to the Local Solid Waste Management Plan. **(Taken Under Advisement November 6, 2023)**
  
- II.** Consider Insurance Proposal For: Forrest County VFD Equipment coverage, for equipment on 12 trucks, Presented by SouthGroup Insurance and Financial Services, LLC. **(Taken Under Advisement November 6, 2023)**