

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**DISTRICT ONE SUPERVISOR JESSIE MEDLIN, Presiding**

**January 05, 2026**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The January 05, 2026 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Mark Gardner, Board President.

Sheriff Thomas Tuggle 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 Ray Denison	District 3
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Robert Foster	District 5
Sheriff Thomas Tuggle	Sheriff's Office
Andrea Pettigrew	County Administrator
Adam Emerson	Board Attorney
Misty Heffner	Chancery Clerk

**B. INVOCATION**

Facilities Housekeeping Br. Edward Merriweather offered the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES – MS Code 19-3-27**

As required by MS Code of 1972, Section 19-3-27, option (b) the minutes of each day's proceedings shall be adopted and approved by the Board of Supervisors as the first order of business on the first day of the next monthly meeting of the Board. Supervisor Mark Gardner asked if everyone had read over the December minutes.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for December 2025, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

**E. ORGANIZATION OF THE 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: ELECTION OF OFFICERS – MS Code 19-3-7**

As required by MS Code of 1972, Section 19-3-7; the members of the Board of Supervisors, having given bond and taken the oath of office, shall meet at the courthouse of their county, on the first Monday in January next succeeding the election, and shall organize by electing one of their number to be President, and by electing one of their number to be Vice-President, and, being so organized, and attended by the Sheriff and Clerk, the Board may proceed to discharge its duties.

  
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In order to allow the people who elect these Board members equal representation, the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors have chosen to rotate the offices of President and Vice-President yearly. This gives every Supervisor an opportunity to fill those positions equally and gives all Board members additional opportunities to serve the people of DeSoto County.

Supervisor Gardner opened the floor for nominations.

Supervisor Caldwell nominated Supervisor Medlin as President for 2026 and Supervisor Denison as Vice-President. There were no other nominations.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Robert Foster seconded the motion to nominate Jessie Medlin as Board President and Supervisor Ray Denison as Board Vice-President of the 2026 DeSoto County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

#### F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Supervisor Medlin asked if there was anyone who wished to add or delete items to the Agenda.

1. **County Administrator Andrea Pettigrew requested to add the following:**
  - a. Coroner – Unclaimed Body – George Andrew Miller (New, L.12.)
2. **County Administrator Andrea Pettigrew requested to delete the following:**
  - a. Office of Finance – Preliminary Inventory Disposition – Sheriff's Office (New, L.2.c.)
3. **Supervisor Mark Gardner requested to add the following:**
  - a. Resolution for Lieutenant Bingham (New, L.20.)
4. **Road Manager Robert Jarman requested to add the following:**
  - a. Road Department – Rite Hite Driveway Request (New, L.13.a.)
  - b. Road Department – Road Conditions List and 4-Year Plan (New, L.13.b.)
5. **Environmental Services Director Ray Laughter requested to add the following:**
  - a. Office of Procurement – Correction to Agenda – remove Facilities (Consent, I.4.a.)

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Agenda with the additions, deletions and corrections as set forth above.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

#### G. CITIZEN REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Medlin asked if there was anyone present to speak on a topic not on the agenda.

1. **Jay Crawford – 4683 E Dublin Circle, Olive Branch, MS 38654**

Mr. Jay Crawford approached the podium and stated his New Year Resolution is to be more pertinacious. Pertinacity was a quality of Jesus and Socrates. He stated that being pertinacious

  
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makes you challenge the standard. He stated Gandhi challenged, and it got him killed. He thanked the Board for not persecuting him, stated God protects him and blesses him and he thanked the Board for being a benevolent government.

Supervisor Medlin thanked Mr. Crawford for his time, and asked if there was anyone else that wished to speak to the Board on an item not listed on the agenda. No one else came forward.

## H. SCHEDULED ITEMS

### 1. 9:15 a.m. – Insurance Committee Report & Recommendation – Signature Requested

Higginbotham Insurance Managing Director Craig Wright stated PHCS/HST reduced from a \$6.00 increase to a \$2.50 increase, from \$17.50 to \$20.00 versus the initial increase to \$23.50. He stated this is DeSoto County's Year 3 with MedBen and currently there is \$110,000 Liability. He stated his firm was able to get that amount negotiated back, and shared the Stop Loss market is very hard right now, stating his firm went to ten different carriers and six declined a quote due to risk of plans. He stated this is partially due to COVID remnants and individuals' health decline over the years with cancer, an increase in chronic illness and more. He stated there are no lasers to contend with at this time.

Supervisor Robert Foster made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the negotiated MedBen renewal with the current Crum & Forster ASD option, and authorize the Board President to sign.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit H.1.

### 2. 9:30 a.m. – Landers Bid Approval

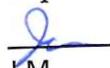
Doug Thornton stated they received most of the Landers Center building bids, packages A-R, and stated this puts the project at \$43M, which is still \$4M under projected budget. He stated these bids cover items such as masonry, mill work, fire proofing, overhead doors, glass glazing, concrete floor finishes, and plumbing, HVAC and electrical work and more. He shared that the one bidder for fire suppression did not include their required certificate of responsibility number, and so that segment 05-P was re-bid. Mr. Thornton stated that in speaking with Landers Center staff, they noted it is very important to have the parking issues finished sooner than later. This would include approximately \$1M for the parking lot, there are theatre renovations, landscaping, and some elevator items to fix. He anticipates those bids will be posted within the next three months.

Supervisor Denison inquired about more specifics on the chiller and parking lot, to confirm there would be sufficient parking available when the project is completed. Mr. Thornton stated there will be 80% parking for a full venue once completed. He also noted there is still additional land available should the county decide to add further parking spaces at a later date. He further specified that should the county need additional parking, it would be a gravel lot, and at 100% capacity for parking.

Supervisor Ray Denison made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve the Landers Expansion bid package 05 A-R, with exception of bid package 05-P, and authorize the Board President to sign.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>

  
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Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District

YES  
YES  
YES

See Exhibit H.2.

**3. 10:00 a.m. – Allen & Hoshall – Safe Room Presentation**

Allen and Hoshall Manager Cory Lowery presented a brief overview to the Board on the Safe Room site location. He stated there is a total of 155 parking spaces, and assuming there would 3-4 individuals to a car, the safe room can accommodate 620 individuals. He pointed out lighting structures, and further discussion around solar lighting and retention pond for drainage capabilities was discussed. Mr. Thornton detailed the interior spaces of the Safe Room and confirmed that the exterior of the building was designed to match the Agri-Education Center. He confirmed that one can visibly see the Safe Room from the walking trail and tennis courts. He stated the windows of the Safe Room are storm graded at 2.5 inches thick, with the exterior walls being 10 inches of concrete plus additional insulation.

Mr. Lowery noted there are three entrances to the Safe Room building, one in the front, one on the side and in the rear of the building. He also pointed out a detention area.

Supervisor Caldwell stated there is currently a low lying area and asked if it could serve as detention. Mr. Lowery stated they will look at that possibility.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve the plans of the Safe Room construction, possibly with exception of the detention ground work, and authorize to pay the invoice.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District

YES  
YES  
YES  
YES  
YES

See Exhibit H.3.

**4. 2:00 p.m. – Public Hearing – Environmental Services – MS Code Enforcement 19-5-105 – Order to Clean**

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to open the public hearing for code enforcements.

The motion passed by vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District

YES  
YES  
YES  
YES  
YES

**a. 4855 Belmont Rd. – Parcel # 3 07 9 30 00 0 00045 00 – Litter Ordinance Violation**

Environmental Services Director Ray Laughter stated this homeowner is the veteran, and he has worked really hard to clean up his property and it looks a lot better. He stated there are still cars in the yard, but he believes he has done all he physically can. Mr. Laughter recommended to close this case.

Supervisor Robert Foster made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to find the property at 4855 Belmont Road in compliance with the County's code ordinance, and no further action is required.

  
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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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit H.4.a.

**b. 9195 Byhalia Rd. – Parcel # 2 06 8 34 00 0 00010 01 – Litter Ordinance Violation**

Brynn McCarver stated the homeowners of 9195 Byhalia Road have not responded to her. She detailed images taken of the property showing that the property is still in disarray. She stated the homeowners claim they do not have the means to remove any of the vehicles from their property.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to have the Board Attorney get involved with sending an official notice to homeowners of 9195 Byhalia Road, giving two weeks' notice to attend the board meeting scheduled for January 20, 2026 to discuss their case with the Board of Supervisors.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit H.4.b.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to close the public hearing for code enforcements.

The motion passed by vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Road Department**

**a. Monthly Road Report**

**b. Monthly Work Schedule**

**c. The Retreat – LOC Release**

**2. Meal Log Affidavits – MS Code 19-25-74**

**3. Office of Finance and Accounting**

  
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a. Final Inventory Disposition – Sheriff’s Office

Final Disposition: Inventory										DEPT #:	200
Fiscal Year: 2026										DEPT NAME: Sheriff	
ASSET #	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL #	ISSUE/REASON FOR DISPOSAL	Y A C C O U N T	C O S T	LOCATION AT PRELIMIN ARY	PRELIMINARY APPROVAL DATE	DISPOSED OF BY	FINAL DISPOSAL LOCATION	DATE OF FINAL APPROVAL	
46892	2017 Ford Escape	1FMCU0GD4H004592	Doesn't run	2017	\$21,986.00	SO	11/3/2025	Tennyson	GovDeals		
49784	2020 Chevy Blazer	3GNKBRS7L5649100	Blown Motor	20	\$ 29,988	SHOP	11/17/2025	Tennyson	GovDeals		
68054-17-46750	Taser X26P	X120074RO	Screen failed	17	\$ 1,094	SO	12/15/2025	Raines	E-Waste		
68054-17-46751	Taser X26P	X120074PR	Screen and light failed	17	\$ 1,094	SO	12/15/2025	Raines	E-Waste		
20477-20-49856	Laserjet Pro Printer	MXBCN5C02X	Obsolete/Replaced	20	\$ 435	SO	12/15/2025	Forbert	E-Waste		
20664-21-50898	Cradlepoint Router	WA204200389097	Broken	21	\$ 1,282	SO	12/15/2025	Forbert	E-Waste		

Department Director <i>U. Stephen Raines</i> Print Name <i>U. Stephen Raines</i> Department Director Print Name	Various	Inventory Clerk
	Date of Preliminary Submission	Preliminary Present to BOS
		Various
		Final Present to BOS
	01/05/26	Date Inventory Disposed in Minis
Date of Final Submission		Date BOS Final Minutes Attached
Inventory Control Clerk		

4. Office of Procurement

- a. Parks – Request to Approve Bid Specifications & Solicit Bids for Bid File # 26-530-001 – Parks Mowing

5. Contract Administration

- a. Tax Collector – GovEase – Online Auction Portal
- b. Human Resources – RX-N-Go – Prescription Delivery

6. Human Resources

- a. Moonlighting Request

7. Land Redemption Collections Report – MS Code Sections: 27-45-1, 27-45-3, 27-41-9, 25-7-21(3) & 27-45-3

8. Chancery Clerk – Order for Temporary Court Reporter

9. Chancery Clerk Allowances – MS Code 25-7-9(g,h,i)

10. Enter Into Formal Record and Make a Part of the Board Minutes

- a. Region IV MHS – Quarterly Report July – September 2025

- b. Termination of Contract – Clearwater Consulting and Lobbying Services

- c. Hawks Crossing - Fully Executed

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the actions and matters on the Consent Agenda as presented.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit I.

J. 2026 APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1. Yearly Appointments

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The following are yearly appointments made according to the MS Codes listed below:

- a. Board Attorney – MS Code 19-3-47
- b. County Administrator – MS Code 19-4-1
- c. Comptroller – MS Code 19-3-61
- d. County Engineer – MS Code 65-9-13, 65-9-14, & 65-17-201
- e. County Road Manager – MS Code 65-17-1
- f. County Prosecutor – MS Code 19-3-49
- g. County Fire-Service Coordinator – MS Code 19-3-71
- h. Purchasing Clerk – MS Code 31-7-101
- i. Receiving Clerk – MS Code 31-7-101
- j. Inventory Control Clerk – MS Code 31-7-107
- k. Inventory Clerk – Assistant – Road
- l. Inventory Clerk – Assistant – Sheriff's Office
- m. Inventory Clerk – Assistant – Chancery
- n. Justice Court Clerk
- o. Procurement Clerk – Assistant
- p. Risk Manager Officer
- q. Risk Manager Assistant – Department of Road Management
- r. Veterans Services Officer
- s. Board Secretary
- t. EEOC Officer
- u. Emergency Management – Director
- v. Emergency Management – Deputy Director
- w. Emergency Medical Operations – Director
- x. Engineer – State Aid
- y. Fire-County Investigator
- z. Homeland Security

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to accept the yearly appointments as presented above and in the exhibit presented and in accordance with the MS Codes listed above.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District

YES  
YES

Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District

YES  
YES  
YES

See Exhibit J.1.a-z.

2. District One Appointments
3. District Two Appointments
4. District Three Appointments
5. District Four Appointments
6. District Five Appointments
7. At Large Appointments

The Board stated the District Appointments and At Large Appointments are tabled for now, and will be voted on at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

#### K. OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Project Updates

###### a. Agri-Education HWY 51 Access Road – Substantial Completion Approval

Mr. Will Bush with Waggoner Engineering stated that as of December 19, 2025, all work has been completed on the Agri-Education Center HWY 51 Access Road project besides the final thermoplastic striping. He requested the Board review the letter from the Talbot Brothers Contracting Company requesting the time charges be stopped for the project until the weather is more conducive to performing the outstanding work.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept and approve the Agri-Education HWY 51 Access Road – Substantial Completion as presented by Waggoner Engineering and authorize Board President to sign the stop work time request as presented.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District

YES  
YES  
YES  
YES  
YES

See Exhibit K.1.a.

###### b. Agri-Education Center Multi-Use Trail System Segment Four – Partial Maintenance Release Approval

Mr. Will Bush with Waggoner Engineering stated that as of December 19, 2025, all work has been completed on the Agri-Education Center Multi-Use Trail System Segment Four Project. He requested the Board review the letter from the Talbot Brothers Contracting Company requesting a partial maintenance release for this project. Mr. Bush stated that the partial maintenance release would still hold the contractor liable for erosion control maintenance and the final maintenance release would probably come in the spring after full growth and coverage could be confirmed.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to accept and approve the Agri-Education Center Multi-Use Trail System Segment Four – Partial Maintenance Release as presented by Waggoner Engineering and authorize Board President to

sign the partial maintenance release as presented.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit K.1.b.

## L. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Environmental Services

#### a. Discussion of HWY 61 Trash

Environmental Services Director Ray Laughter stated that his team had reached out to RCI, who mows and picks up trash for MDOT within Desoto County. He stated last year the county received a proposal from RCI regarding I-55 and HWY 78, and the local municipalities went back and forth with the county on it. He stated it will be added to the next board meeting agenda once he's able to meet with COG again about the HWY 61 issue of trash along the roadway.

Supervisor Caldwell requested the board take a minute to discuss this more in detail. She stated she has witnessed trucks coming from Memphis, of which there is no cover provided on these and trash blows out everywhere onto the roadways. She suggested fining the companies hauling trash with uncovered loads.

Sheriff Tuggle stated that if someone shares the company names with him, he is more than happy to send a letter and notice to the companies whose trucks are littering, as this is a fineable offense and violators may be ticketed. Additionally, he stated the Sheriff's Office has recently purchased an additional 30 ankle bracelets to be used for inmates who would be picking up trash on the sides of the roadways.

Supervisor Denison stated he would be willing to vote to pay for some ankle bracelets to help with this cost of the Sheriff's Office, as he believes utilizing inmates would help tremendously in keeping the roadways clear of debris and trash.

County Administrator Andrea Pettigrew stated that during the latest COG Meeting, local mayors discussed they wanted to meet and draft a letter to the Sheriff's Office asking for violators to be ticketed if found littering.

Supervisor Caldwell encouraged that the Board gather their local communities together to help and suggested the Keep DeSoto County Beautiful committee get together in hopes to find solutions on the trash and debris on the highways and roads. She recommended that local communities, officials and leaders reach out to Homebuilders Associations and local businesses and ask them if they would consider adopting a section of road to keep clean.

Supervisor Denison asked if the county has an ordinance or law in the books that allows the county to write tickets on trash or debris violations. Sheriff Tuggle responded that there is a state litter ordinance and he is sure it transcends across the county, but he would confirm this.

Mr. Laughter stated he will look into pricing from RCI for an additional pickup of the interstates and to include HWY 61 and would bring those prices back to the Board for their review.

No Board Action Necessary.

### 2. Office of Finance and Accounting

#### a. Claims Docket – MS Code 19-13-31

  
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Director of Finance and Accounting Aimee Claire Holder presented the Claims Docket, according to MS Code Section 19-13-31. The Finance Department had invoice documentation to answer questions from the Board.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve the items on the claims docket and authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Finance Department.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

**See Exhibit L.2.a.**

**b. Budget Amendments – MS Code 19-11-19**

  
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Mrs. Holder presented the budget amendments for the following items:

		Fund/Department #	380 / MULTIPLE				
(1)	<b>Capital Projects</b>						
			YEAR TO DATE	ADOPTED BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET
ACCT #	LINE ITEM						
380-370-521	Legal Advertising		567.77	-	568.00		568.00
380-370-555	Engineering		22,132.50	17,500.00	31,345.00		48,845.00
380-740-555	Engineering		795.00	-	55,000.00		55,000.00
380-999-999	Ending Cash		-	670,853.00		86,913.00	583,940.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>			688,353.00	86,913.00	86,913.00	688,353.00
Reason for Request:	To account for TO69 & legal advertising for Ag-Ed Waterline To account for TO70 for Justice Complex						
Requested by:	Jason Youngblood	Fund/Department #	170 / 333				
(2)	<b>State Aid Engineering</b>						
			YEAR TO DATE	ADOPTED BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET
ACCT #	LINE ITEM						
	REVENUE						
170-001-263	Reimburse for State Aid Roads		-	-	136,752.00		136,752.00
	EXPENSE						
170-333-555	Engineering		1,452.00	-	136,752.00		136,752.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>			-	273,504.00		273,504.00
Reason for Request:	Inc Rev/ Inc Exp for OSARC Overlay Project						
Requested by:	Jason Youngblood	Fund/Department #	102 / 510				
(3)	<b>Agri Center</b>						
			YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	ADOPTED BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET
ACCT #	LINE ITEM						
102-510-523	Contractual Printing		1,907.47	660.00	1,248.00		1,908.00
102-510-559	Other Professional Fees & Services		7,511.00	250,000.00		1,248.00	248,752.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>			250,660.00	1,248.00	1,248.00	250,660.00
Reason for Request:	To account for Rodeo printing						
Requested by:	Niki Schoggen	Fund/Department #	156 / 300				
(4)	<b>Road Maintenance</b>						
			YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	ADOPTED BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET
ACCT #	LINE ITEM						
156-300-532	Rental of Road Equipment		11,273.04	10,113.00	1,161.00		11,274.00
156-999-999	Ending Cash			12,582,805.00		1,161.00	12,581,644.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>			12,592,918.00	1,161.00	1,161.00	12,592,918.00
Reason for Request:	To account for equipment rental						
Requested by:	Bob Jarman	Fund/Department #	160 / 952				
(5)	<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Storm Debris</b>						
			YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	ADOPTED BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET
ACCT #	LINE ITEM						
160-952-594	Other Contractual		\$ 106,591.00	\$ 92,146	\$ 14,445		\$ 106,591
160-999-999	Ending Cash		\$ -	\$ 29,345,140		\$ 14,445	\$ 29,330,695
	<b>TOTALS</b>			\$ 29,437,286	\$ 14,445	\$ 14,445	\$ 29,437,286
Reason for Request:	To account for storm damage cleanup from May tomado						
Requested by:	Bob Jarman	Fund/Department #	001 / 106				
(5)	<b>County Prop/Liab Insurance</b>						
			YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	ADOPTED BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET
ACCT #	LINE ITEM						
001-106-581	Property & Auto Deductibles		\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 16,000
001-106-570	Insurance & Fidelity Bonds		\$ 42,221.40	\$ 2,388,000		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,386,000
	<b>TOTALS</b>			\$ 2,402,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,402,000
Reason for Request:	2022 Ford Super Duty F250 (EMA) VIN: 16968 Deductible						
Requested by:	Almee Claire Holder						

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve budget amendments for Capital Projects, State Aid Engineering, Agri-Education Center, Road Maintenance, Bridge & Culvert Storm Debris and County Property/Liability Insurance as presented.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

  
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See Exhibit L.2.b.

**3. Road Department**

**a. Road Register Addition – Lucy Lane**

Road Department Manager Robert Jarman stated this is the last road used as an access road that was installed during the I-269 road construction. He stated it was agreed that the county would take this road over when the construction was completed. Mr. Jarman said this road is paved and ready for the county to take it over and put a name to it.

Supervisor Robert Foster made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the road and its requested name of Lucy Lane and approve the addition of Lucy Lane into the official DeSoto County Road Register.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.3.a.

**b. Project Reimbursement Requests – Love Rd. & Johnson Creek – Signature Requested**

Mr. Jarman requested the Board President signature on the legal documents for reimbursement on two NRCS projects:

Love Road - \$155,562.00 – cost approved

\$ 26,876.00 – County cost

\$ 88,687.00 – federal reimbursement

Johnson Creek - \$182,966.00 – cost approved

\$ 43,550.00 – County cost

\$140,415.83 – federal reimbursement

Supervisor Ray Denison made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to accept the Project Reimbursement Requests for Love Rd. and Johnson Creek and authorize the Board President to sign the necessary documents.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.3.b.

**c. Debris Removal RFP**

Mr. Jarman stated he would like to begin work on debris removal and requested the Board Attorney be allowed to review a Debris Removal RFP and be approved to work on it. He stated this RFP would cover the life of the term of the Board of Supervisors, and this allows an agreement on pricing that happens annually. This would alleviate having to do work reactively or on the back end, and would be proactive with clean-up projects.

  
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Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Ray Denison seconded the motion to approve the Board Attorney to begin working on the Debris Removal RFP.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.3.c.

#### 4. Office of Procurement

##### a. Sheriff's Office – Purchase Over \$25,000 - Vehicle

Mrs. Ford stated the Sheriff's Office has requested to purchase a vehicle for SID. Two quotes were provided:

- 1) Chuck Hutton Toyota - \$40,000.01
- 2) Performance Toyota - \$44,967.00

Mrs. Ford recommended the purchase from Chuck Hutton Toyota for \$40,000.01.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle for SID in the amount of \$40,000.01 from Chuck Hutton Toyota and authorize the Clerk to write a check for purchase, tags, title, licenses and any applicable taxes.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.4.a.

##### b. Sheriff's Office – Purchase Over \$25,000 - Vehicle

Mrs. Ford stated the Sheriff's Office submitted a request to purchase a 2026 Dodge Ram 1500 on MS State Contract # 8200083382 from Landers Nissan in the amount of \$39,244.00.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$39,244.00 from Chuck Hutton Toyota and authorize the Clerk to write check for purchase, tags, title, licenses and any applicable taxes.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.4.b.

  
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**c. Sheriff's Office – Purchase Over \$25,000 - Ammunition**

Mrs. Ford stated the Sheriff's Office submitted a request to purchase ammunition on MS State Contract # 8200080045 from Pinnacle Precision in the amount of \$151,450.00.

Supervisor Robert Foster made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of ammunition for the Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$151,450.00 off State Contract # 8200080045.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.4.c.

**d. Purchase Over \$25,000 – Purchase of Fleet Trucks**

Mrs. Ford stated that previously the Board had approved the purchase of four RAM 1500 Fleet Trucks on MS State Contract from Landers. She stated that Landers was unable to fulfill the order and the purchase will now be made from Kirk Automotive, who has the State Contract and are able to get the trucks with V-8 engines.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Ray Denison seconded the motion to approve the purchase over \$25,000 for the fleet trucks, to be purchased from Kirk Automotive.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.4.d.

**e. Sheriff's Office – Sole Source Purchase**

Mrs. Ford stated that Carahsoft Technology Corporation is the originator of the platform and Slack, a communications tool that will allow real-time communications within the Sheriff's Office, and with any other law enforcement agency across the country, is the only maker of this software. She stated the purchase order total for the Slack software is \$10,822.20.

Under the requirement of MS Code Section 31-7-13(M) viii the following Sole Source Affidavit was submitted in support of this request for authority to purchase, without bidding, the items available from only one source.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the sole source purchase for \$10,822.20 and have the Board Attorney review the sole source purchase.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

  
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See Exhibit L.4.e.

**f. Bids Under Advisement – Recommendation to Award Bids**

**1) Bid File # 26-152-001 – Crisis Center Network**

Mrs. Ford stated this bid is regarding the network for the Crisis Center Network, and will include the fiber cables being installed and set up between buildings. There were two bids received for this project:

- 1) DataComm Services Corporation for \$171,900.00
- 2) Progressive Technologies for \$118,405.00.

Mrs. Ford recommended the Board approve the bid from Progressive Technologies for \$118,405.00.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to accept and approve the recommendation to award bid file # 26-152-001 for the Crisis Center Network to Progressive Technologies for the amount of \$118,405.00. .

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.4.f.1.

**g. Emergency Purchases**

**1) Road Department – Tree Work**

Mrs. Ford stated that an invoice was received from Mohawk Tree Service for removal of a tree. This emergency purchase for the Road Department was to remove a tree that was leaning toward the road at Pleasant Hill and Open Wood Road. She stated it is located near Fogg Road South. The total cost of this tree removal was \$2,501.00.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Road Department to remove a tree from leaning toward the road finding the tree was rotten at the bottom, poses a threat to damaging the road and created a health and safety issue for the citizens of DeSoto County, and authorize payment of this invoice in the amount of \$2,501.00 to Mohawk Tree Service.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.4.g.1.

**5. Contracts Administration**

**a. Sheriff's Office – Cellebrite Subscription Renewal – Price Increase**

Mrs. Ford stated this is a subscription renewal for the Sheriff's Office. She stated the Sheriff's Office is combining all subscriptions with Cellebrite, Inc. together, in order to receive them all at the same time, on the same one year interval. This consolidation included some prorated rates,

  
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which caused the contract to have a slight increase.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Robert Foster seconded the motion to approve the Cellebrite subscription renewal with price increase, finding that the subscriptions are all lumped together on the same annual interval, and therefore some rates were prorated which caused a slight price increase and finding the Sheriff's Office has an immediate and necessary need for the product.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.5.a.

#### 6. Approval to Travel to Justice Complex

Supervisor Mark Gardner stated that Sheriff Tuggle and his command staff had visited a few complexes in the Panhandle of Florida and would like to take him, Supervisor Denison and some court officials to see one more complex. He requested Board approval to travel to the Justice Complex.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Robert Foster seconded the motion to authorize travel for Supervisor Gardner, Supervisor Denison and staff members to tour some court facilities in Florida.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

#### 7. Lobbying Services Proposal – Signature Requested

Supervisor Foster shared the Lobbying Services Proposal with the Board and asked Mrs. Pettigrew and Supervisor Caldwell to compile a list of priorities for DeSoto County to give to legislators. The Board requested the Board Attorney to edit the proposal/agreement to state the Board would receive monthly updates.

Supervisor Robert Foster made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to accept and agree to this Professional Services Agreement for twelve (12) months and re-evaluate in a year, authorize Board Attorney to review this Agreement and authorize Board President to sign once it has been reviewed and approved by Board Attorney.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.7.

#### 8. Assign Committee to Inspect Admin Foyer

  
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Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Robert Foster seconded the motion for Supervisor Caldwell and Supervisor Denison to inspect the Admin foyer.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

## 9. Committee Reports

### a. COG Meeting Updates

Mrs. Pettigrew shared updates from the latest COG Meeting. Some of the updates included, but were not limited to:

- Cities' interest in consolidated sanitation services between cities and the county, and asking the Sheriff's Office support in writing tickets to violators who litter the streets;
- Mental Health and Region IV Crisis Center and the current interlocal agreements that are in place with cities who are helping to fund the County's Crisis Center;
- Capital Day is February 12, 2026 and she needed a list of planned attendees;
- Washington Congressional Briefing is March 18-20, 2026 and she needed a list of planned attendees;
- Discussion around the Lobbyist agreements with Clearwater and those agreements will be directly with the cities and not through the Economic Development Council;
- Prioritizing Legislative Issues and following up with the committee to set those;
- Discussion on Crime Stoppers and the need to have a DeSoto County board established;
- Discussion on Out of State Tags, including Representative Kim Remak presenting a law be amended to include automobile registration be a mandatory submission as part of DeSoto County School registrations each year.

### b. Facilities – Courthouse & Front Vestibule Update

Facilities Director Garrett Madero stated the courthouse project is moving along well. He stated Grinder, Taber, Grinder should be installing the terrazzo next week. He noted the glass enclosure and doors for the Admin vestibule will be installed after hours and on the weekend when the materials come in.

### c. Transportation Updates

#### 1) Interlocal Agreement for Getwell Road Widening

Road Manager Robert Jarman requested permission for Board Attorney to begin work with Southaven and the City of Hernando for the Getwell Road Widening project. He stated that Southaven will pay a portion of the match for Lester to Starlanding and the City of Hernando will help with Pleasant Hill to I-269.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Board Attorney to begin working on the Interlocal Agreement for Getwell Road Widening.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

  
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**d. Crisis Center Update**

Mr. Andrew Adams from Urban Arch stated the concrete slab is poured for the courtroom and the interior of the existing building is completely demoed out. He stated there are no soil issues and the team is ready for framing and construction is coming along smoothly.

Supervisor Caldwell asked that moving forward, no foliage or trees be cut down without prior notification.

The expected completion date is tentatively set for November 2026.

**10. Board Attorney**

**a. Board of Supervisors – Bridgforth, Buntin & Emerson – Updated Agreement to Include State Aid Procedures for Right of Way & Easements**

Mr. Emerson stated the agreement was amended to include a flat fee per parcel for State Aid Procedures for right of way & easements.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept and approve the updated agreement to include State Aid Procedures for right of way & easements with Bridgforth, Buntin & Emerson, and authorize Board President to sign.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.10.a.

**11. Discussion on Judicial Appointments**

The Board discussed potential appointments and scenarios regarding judicial positions.

**12. Coroner – Unclaimed Body – George Andrew Miller**

Mrs. Pettigrew stated the DeSoto County Coroner’s office has an unclaimed body in the DeSoto morgue, and will be forced to have the body cremated within five (5) days if no one comes forward to make arrangements.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to cremate the unclaimed body of George Andrew Miller as requested and documented by the DeSoto County Coroner.

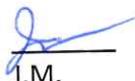
The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.12.

**13. Road Department**

**a. Rite-Hite Driveway Request**

  
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Mr. Jarman stated this regarded a property owned by DeSoto County, and Rite-Hite has requested to put in a driveway connection to Interstate Blvd, and that the city of Horn Lake has no issues with this request. He requested for Board approval and authorization for the Board President to sign the letter stating the Board of Supervisors agrees to the plan to install a new drive entrance on the property located on Interstate Blvd, known as Rite-Hite.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Ray Denison seconded the motion to approve the Rite-Hite driveway request to Interstate Blvd and authorize the Board President to sign the letter as presented.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.13.a.

**b. Road Conditions List & Four-Year Plan**

Mr. Jarman distributed a road conditions list and four-year plan for the Board of Supervisors to review and consider. He requested the Supervisors complete their inspections by the next Board meeting.

No Board action necessary at this time.

**14. Enter Into Formal Record and Make a Part of the Board Minutes**

- a. Sheriff's Office Agreement with Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare – Fully Executed**
- b. xAI Approval form and NDA – Fully Executed**
- c. CVB Contract with Agri-Education Center – Fully Executed**

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to enter all aforementioned agreements into the formal record and make these a part of the board minutes for January 05, 2026, as presented by the DeSoto County Board Attorney.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

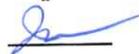
See Exhibits L.14.a-c.

**15. Travel to Capital Day 2026 and Washington Congressional Briefing 2026**

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve travel of Supervisors and County staff to both events of the Capital Day in February 2026 and the Washington Congressional Briefing in March 2026.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>

  
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Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District YES

**16. Travel to Education & Legislative Planning Committee**

Supervisor Lee Caldwell requested permission to travel to both the Education and Legislative Planning Committee Meetings in Jackson, MS for the coming year.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve travel to both the Education and Legislative Planning Committee Meetings in Jackson, MS for 2026.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District YES  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District YES

**17. Travel to Oxford, MS for Trial**

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve travel for Supervisors, Board Attorney and other Attorneys, and DeSoto County employees for the purpose of attending court sessions and trial in Oxford, MS, as needed.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District YES  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District YES

**18. CrimeStoppers**

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Mark Gardner seconded the motion to approve the Board Attorney to work on a plan for CrimeStoppers and for the Board Attorney to report back to the Board what can be done with Crimestoppers funds that were previously collected.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District YES  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District YES

**19. Region IV – Rental Agreement**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to work with Region IV regarding a Rental Agreement for the new facility being renovated and built at 3260 HWY 51 South.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District YES  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District YES

**20. Resolution for Captain J. Bigham**

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to create a Resolution of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge Captain Bingham for his heroism when he went into a creek with rushing water to rescue the family in their car that had wrecked into the creek, and approve said Resolution and authorize the Board President to sign.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

**21. Resolution for Speed Radar Detection**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Resolution of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors to authorize DeSoto County Sheriff's deputies to use speed radar detection equipment and authorize the Board President to sign.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit L.21.

**22. Payments for Construction – Justin Zahner & Fulwood Construction**

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Robert Foster seconded the motion to approve the final payment for Justin Zahner and approve the bills of Fulwood Construction authorize the Board President to sign.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

**M. PLANNING**

**1. DRIVEWAY INSPECTION**

Supervisor Robert Foster stated there are problems with improperly installed driveway culverts, and that these issues are especially found in subdivisions. He stated that culverts are designed by engineers, and during construction, things change grading, culverts and detentions are placed in the wrong locations and more. All of these issues compound to cause water to wash out driveways, yards or cause standing water to exist where it should not exist.

Mr. Foster asked if inspections of culverts may be done before the concrete is poured on a driveway.

  
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Road Manager Robert Jarman and Planning Director Bennie Hopkins shared the process of planning, building and inspection timelines and procedures. Coby Ayers from the Road Department also shared that if a builder comes to DeSoto County, they will build here, and the County is does not really visit sites until the time of final inspection.

Supervisor Medlin suggested that whatever inspection process is agreed upon, it needs to stay within the storm water, engineering and road department to manage these inspections.

**N. EXECUTIVE**

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

In accordance with Section 24-1-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion for a closed determination on the issue of entering into an Executive Session.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to recess the Board meeting until Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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 Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

THIS the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

  
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 Jessie Medlin, President  
 DeSoto County Board of Supervisors