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Forrest County, MS
Lance C. Reid Chancery Clerk

Agenda

Forrest County Board of Supervisors

Date: Monday, November 18, 2024

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**
 1. Jennifer Schloegel
 2. Tiara Husband- Property PPIN 027634, 027635, 027636, and Burkett Gillis Cemetery
 3. Ron Hancock- Hattiesburg Arts Council
- **Approve or Amend Agenda**

Approve Consent Agenda Items A - K:

Motion: Mordica 2nd: Stringer Vote: yes

A. Continue in effect the Board President's March 13, 2020, Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency in connection with COVID-19 Pandemic pursuant to Miss Code Section 33-15-17(d).

B. Monthly Department Reports- October 2024

1. The Multi-Purpose Center report, as submitted by Mike Turnage, Director.
2. The Road and Bridge Department report, as submitted by Kyle Mims, Road Manager.
3. The Veterans Service Office report, as submitted by Gerald Britt, Forrest County Veterans Service Officer.
4. The Tax Collector's Surrendered Tag List for October 2024.
5. The Meal Log for Juvenile Detention (1086).

C. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge Order Dismissing Petition for Forfeiture filed by the State of MS for \$1,100.00 (Cause No: 22-963 Cortello Armstrong).
2. Acknowledge receipt of Check No. 9905997272 in the amount of \$8,680.74 from Zero to Three for the FCBOS.
3. Acknowledge Service Proposal from Southern Telecommunications Company for the Public Defender's Office and the Drug Court.
4. Authority to advertise for annual bids.
5. Acknowledge and approve Order declaring property abandoned and disposition of said property.
6. Approve request of Kyle Mims, Road Manager, for the road crews to have Wednesday, November 27th, off (8 hours) as all other county employees have Friday, November 29th off.
7. Acknowledge County Engineer's Quarterly Report as submitted by Shows, Dearman, and Waits.
8. Acknowledge and approve transfer of soccer equipment from District 2 inventory to the Tipton Street Park/Eastside Park/Friendship Park Parks and Recreation inventory.
9. Acknowledge the resignation of Kay Clay from the Library Board effective November 15, 2024.

D. Tax Assessor

1. Approve Notice to Increase the Assessment of Real/Personal Property for PPIN 8880; authorize Board President to execute.
2. Approve Petition for Reduction of Assessment for PPIN 24586; authorize Board President to execute.
3. Approve Petition for Reduction of Assessment for PPIN 32440, 42210, 18896, 18899, 34343, and 47154; authorize Board President to execute.
4. Approve Petition for Reduction of Assessment for PPIN 6079, 7901, 8739, 8334, and 8880; authorize Board President to execute.
5. Approve Request for Tax Sale Cancellation of PPIN 18899 for Tax Year 2023 sold to Brocket LLC in the amount of \$182.14; property being used by the church, refund purchaser and void receipt for property would have been exempt; Tax Collector to refund purchaser.

6. Approve Request for Tax Sale Cancellation of PPIN 18896 for Tax Year 2023 sold to Woodmark Investments LLC in the amount of \$328.11; property being used by the church, refund purchaser and void receipt for property would have been exempt; Tax Collector to refund purchaser.
7. Approve Request for Tax Sale Cancellation of PPIN 18896 for Tax Year 2022 sold to Woodmark Investments LLC in the amount of \$334.69; property being used by the church, refund purchaser and void receipt for property would have been exempt.

E. Sheriff's Office

1. Approve request to retire K9 Baron and remove him from inventory and to live out the rest of his life with his handler, Daniel Benoit.
2. Approve Request for Proposal of Wrecker Service.
3. Approval to enter a 4 year contract with Axon Enterprise Inc for the purchase of 15 tasers in the total amount of \$59,185.80.

F. Travel Requests

1. Approve Bob Taylor, Joel Hill, Shali Carter, RD Sellers, Doug Bolton, and Benny Lee to take county vehicles to free training provided by MDOT in Jackson on November 19, 2024 from 8:00 am through 2:00 pm for Bridge inspection, maintenance, and repair.

G. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Hope Clinic to advertise county resources in the amount of \$500.00 from Rec 3 as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
2. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to the choral arts programs within the Hattiesburg Public School District for travel to Southern Star Music Festival competition in Atlanta to advertise county resources in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Rec 4 funds as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
3. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Hattiesburg High School for travel to tournament in Jackson to advertise county resources in

the amount of \$1,500.00 from Rec 4 funds as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

4. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Wreaths Across America to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
5. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to for the Hattiesburg High varsity girls' basketball team 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 §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
6. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Petal High Basketball to advertise county resources in the amount of \$250.00 from Rec 3 as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

H. Payables

1. Authorize the Board to pay Brooklyn Utility Association \$14,486.31 as reimbursement per District 5 ARPA subrecipient agreement for system repairs and related improvements.
2. Approve payment to Constables Jennifer Travis, Mike Harris, and John Tryner in the amount of \$4,500.00 for State Fail Cases for the year of 2024; Tommy Cook will not be paid additional monies as his State Fail Case money is built in to his retirement calculation provided by PERS.
3. Approve quote from HiComp to renew the IBM maintenance on the server that runs the Delta software in the amount of \$3,312.00.
4. Approve payment to TLGFY, LLC (PPIN 39630) in the amount of \$2,156.09 to be paid from FC General Fund.
5. Approve payment to TLGFY, LLC (PPIN 30115) in the amount of \$1,577.18 to be paid from FC General Fund.
6. Approve payment to A1 Graphics (Invoice No. 10360) in the amount of \$540.00 to be paid from Rec 3 for Christmas Parade shirts.
7. Approve payment to MS Department of Employment Security in the amount of \$6,947.00 for reimbursable billing statement for the third quarter of 2024.
8. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$1,413.73 for Credit Card Statements. (Sharon Thompson \$177.25) (Steve Stringer

- \$337.71) (Roderick Woullard \$252.35) (Terri Bell \$139.00) (Jennifer Slade \$151.18) (Kyle Mims \$356.24)
9. Approve payment to Veterinary Associates of Hattiesburg in the amount of \$106.15 for junior wellness bloodwork for K9 Xen.
 10. Approve payment to JVW, Inc (Invoice No. 14047) in the amount of \$65.00 for a K9 Decal.
 11. Approve Zach Ruple and DeReginald Williamson to attend K9 Care for Law Enforcement in Hattiesburg on December 6, 2024, and approve payment to MSU CVM in the amount of \$50.00 per person for registration.
 12. Approve Brittany Wade and Jeremy Jackson to attend CSI & Forensic Investigation Plus Photography in Opelika Alabama December 9-13, 2024; registration in the amount of \$695.00 per person plus estimated cost of hotel stay \$1,040.00.
 13. Approve lower quote from Eddie Pearson Roofing in the amount of \$10,158.38 for roof upgrade of Sunrise Community Center.
 14. Authorize the Board to reimburse Forrest County Agricultural High School \$75,504.95 of the \$100,000.00 allocated for softball renovations (D1 ARPA).
 15. Authorize the Planning Department to apply for the MS Department of Environmental Quality's MDEQ Solid Waste Assistance Grant for \$18,700.71. Funds from this grant covers clean up days and unauthorized dumps deadline April 30, 2025.
 16. Acknowledge and authorize \$873.44 to be allocated to Reese Creek for paving from District 3 ARPA funds.
 17. Approve payment to the Circuit Clerk in the total amount of \$21,200.00 for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

I. Capital Outlay Expenditures

1. Approve Capital Outlay Expenditures:
 - a. **Lewis Printing** Tax Collector to purchase a mobile work station w/ assembly (\$369.99), a paper stand (\$35.99) and a paper shredder (\$329.95) using requisition #56957 in the total amount of \$735.93.
 - b. **Lewis Printing** Jail to purchase a 4 drawer file cabinet using requisition #66650 in the amount of \$329.95.

- c. **Global Electric** Maintenance to purchase a sander in the amount of \$420.00.
- d. **McCraney's** R & B to have multiple roads striped via the striping annual bid in the total amount of \$40,760.88.
- e. **Seasoned With Love** R & B to split the cost with Maintenance staff meeting and winter training session in the total amount of \$1729.53. It is to be paid at completion of the meeting.
- f. Authority to issue check: Lawrence Printing Tax Collector is requesting the authority to issue a check for estimated postage for tax statements to be mailed based on the dollar amount paid last year.....\$11,411.40.

J. Claims Docket/Financials

- 1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

K. Financials

- 2. Approve Financial Documents, as presented.

End of Consent Agenda

L. Personnel Action

- 1. John Michael became an Investigator for FCSO effective 11/18/2024
- 2. Edward Biter became a Transporter for FCSO effective 11/18/2024
- 3. Cecil Hardiman went on FMLA effective 10/28/2024
- 4. Steven Ducksworth goes on administrative leave 11/13/2024
- 5. Denell Bolton started full-time in Maintenance effective 11/18/2024
- 6. Andrea Graham left Road and Bridge effective 11/14/2024

M. Discussion Items

- 1. Authorize the clearance of county land located on Langston Road for Petal Healing Garden to use for gardening purposes.

N. Additional Matters

1. Authority to pay Resolution Board Claims Docket in the amount of \$2,600.00
2. Authorize payment to Pat Zachary, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$123.95, for mileage reimbursement.
3. Authorize request from Sheriff Charlie Sims to extend the warranty for Full Body Scan Machine, to be taken from budgeted line item 220-533, in the amount of \$19,000.
4. Clear room.
5. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel.
6. Exit Executive Session.
7. Acknowledge Jeremiah Branch as Receiver for Multi-Purpose Center, replacing Mike Turnage, effective December 1, 2024.
8. Recess to Monday, December 2, 2024 at 10:00 am

Recess until 10:00 am Monday, December 2, 2024