



Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors

Date: Monday, February 3, 2025

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**
 1. Coach Huff, USM Football
 2. Sandra Jordan, The Bug Campaign
- **Approve January 2025 Minutes**

Approve Consent Agenda Items A -J

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- January 2025

1. Chancery report, as submitted by Lance Reid, Chancery Clerk.
2. Justice Court report as submitted by Faye Moffett, Justice Court Clerk.
3. Maintenance report, as submitted by Dan Lee, Maintenance Supervisor
4. Coroner's report, as submitted by Lisa Klem, Coroner.
5. Circuit Court report, as submitted by Gwen Wilks, Circuit Court Clerk.
6. Election Commissioners report, as submitted by James Harvison, Lucretia Jenkins, Johneice Dupree, Faye Noble, and Sue Polk, Election Commissioners.
7. Planning report, as submitted by Corey Proctor, Planner.

C. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge and approve for BOS to enter into execution of Renewal contract on Thomas Reuters for Judge Russell, Youth/County Court; Authorize Board president to execute.
2. County Offices to be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025, in observance of the birthday of George Washington, as per Mississippi Code Section 3-3-7 of 1972, and reschedule the Forrest County Board of Supervisors meeting date set for Monday, February 17, 2025 to Tuesday, February 18, 2025 due to the holiday closing.
3. Acknowledge of Check No. 9907770033 from Zero to Three in the amount of \$9,308.60 for the Youth Court.
4. Acknowledge of Check No. 095751 from AAA Ambulance Service in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Ambulance Licenses.
5. Acknowledge payment to Dish Network, LLC (Invoice No. 335007568) in the amount of \$443.45 for the Jail.
6. Acknowledge payment to HOSTWAY SERVICES, INC (Invoice No. 15529904) in the amount of \$835.58 for Usage fees.
7. Acknowledge letter from MDAH regarding "Forrest County Records Preservation" being approved. The funds can be expended according to the terms of the grant packet and all contained therein.
8. Acknowledge Mississippi Cyber Unit, MOU, for Forrest County to participate in the Attack Surface management platform.; authorize Board President to execute.
9. Acknowledge State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, MOU/Consent form. Authorize Board President to execute.
10. Acknowledge submission of the FY26 Mississippi Office of Highway Safety-Overtime Enforcement-Impaired Driving for Law Enforcement (154 and 405d) grant.
11. Acknowledge Autumn Rogers last day will be 01/31/2025.
12. Acknowledge Minor Plat- Kennedy Estates
13. Acknowledge Minor Subdivision Plat- Ward addition.

D. 16th Section Leases

1. Acknowledge 16th Section Residential Lease between Petal Municipal School District and Robert Hertenstein, PPIN 003214, containing 0.79 Acres M/L with an annual rent of \$661.00; Authorize Board President to execute.
2. Acknowledge 16th Section Public School Trust Lands Long Term Residential Lease Contract between Forrest County BOS and Hattiesburg School District (PPIN 21381), containing 0.46 acres M/L authorize Board President to execute.
3. Acknowledge 16th Section Lease Amendment (PPIN 0388346) for lessees Amy Gann and Dakota Mixon. Authorize Board President to execute.

E. Tax Assessor

1. Approved for Reduction of Assessment for PPIN 3009, 7124, and 47512 as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.
2. Approved for Petition for Reduction of Assessment for PPIN 30135, 25057, 758, 9275, and 46510 as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer Tax Assessor.

F. Travel

1. Approve Bob Taylor and Roderick Woullard to attend the 2025 National Hurricane Conference at the Hilton New Orlean Riverside, New Orleans, LA, April 14-17 2025. The cost is \$425 per person. Authorize payment of all related travel expenses allowed by law.

G. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to United Way of Southeast MS: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
2. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Hattiesburg Noonday Optimist Club to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
3. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Extra Table FEEDS to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

H. Payables

1. Approve payment to Secretary of State in the amount of \$25.00 for Stephen May's notary renewal.
2. Approve payment to Pearl Comm in the amount of \$105.00 per month for McLaurin Fire Station #2 for fiber service.
3. Approve payment to the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$24.00 for the purchase of Government Tags for a 2024 FRHT M2 Fire Truck, VIN No. 3ALACYFC0RDVA2426 and a 2024 FRHT, M2 Fire Truck, VIN No. 3ALACYFEPRDVE6220.

I. Personnel Action

1. New Hire: Apryle Cunningham started part-time at Juvenile Detention effective 1/27/2025
2. Separation of Service: William Gustafson left Adult Detention effective 2/9/2025
3. Raises for the Maintenance Department effective 2/10/2025:
 - Chris Cain, Brian Dewease, Greg Lee, Arthur McCardle, Steve Nelson, Jimmie Pilgrim, Craig Sammons, Jason Vick, and Johnathan Langston
4. Lajeana Breazelle went on FMLA effective 12/20/2024
5. Darrel Extine went on FMLA effective 1/23/2025
6. Janice Hensarling went on FMLA effective 2/5/2025
7. James Morris went on FMLA effective 3/3/2025
8. Road and Bridge Department received raises: see attachments

J. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

End of Consent Agenda

K. Additional Matters

1. Capital Outlay Expenditures-

- a. Maintenance to purchase chiller for Tax Building – approval of lower quote in the amount of \$14,150.00 from Terry Services.
 - b. Chancery Clerk to purchase a desk top computer from Dell in the amount of \$1,833,.42.
 - c. BOS to purchase a tablet from Best Buy in the amount of \$646.99.
 - d. Youth Court to purchase Metal Detector in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00.
2. Authority to pay SouthGroup Insurance in the amount of \$1,523.00 for the VFD Accident Policy renewal.
 3. Authority to pay James Michael Honeysucker in the amount of \$1,100.00 pursuant to the Order signed by Judge Morgan on January 29, 2025.
 4. Authority for the Road & Bridge Department to remove trees along the road at Elks Lake Road, per the request of the leaseholders, Dixie Methodist Church and Dixie Baptist Church, and approval from Forrest County School District, 16th Section Lease Manager, Mike Papas.
 5. Clear Room
 6. Establish the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Forest General Hospital property transactions.
 7. Exit Executive Session
 8. Adopt a Resolution of the Forrest County Board of Supervisors authorizing Forrest County General Hospital to purchase Real Property located at 2504 Adeline Street, Hattiesburg, MS.
 9. Adopt a Resolution of the Forrest County Board of Supervisors approving and authorizing the sale of certain Real Property and improvements located at 112 Old Rawls Springs Loop Road to AAA Ambulance Service.
 10. Authority to pay \$40,000.00 for boat ramps to City of Hattiesburg.

Recess until 10:00 am Tuesday February 18, 2025