



Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

- **Call to Order**

- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**
 1. Katie Martin, Sales and Marketing Professionals (2025 Pinnacle Awards)
 2. Public Hearing to Amend Solid Waste Facility

- **Approve or Amend Agenda**

Approve Consent Agenda Items A -M

Motion: Woullard 2nd: Mordica 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. The Multi-Purpose Center report, as submitted by Jeremiah Branch, 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 January 2024.
5. The Meal Log for Juvenile Detention (1066).

C. Acknowledgements

1. Authorize the need for rescheduling the Monday, March 3, 2025 Board Meeting to Thursday, March 6, 2025 due to the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.
2. Payment to Michael Stan Bynum for 695 parcels at \$6.00 per parcel for a total of \$4,170.00 due to original invoice error, per Tax Assessor.
3. Approve request for an additional depository account with Cadence for the purpose of processing credit card transactions for the Multi-Purpose Center; account will be part of the General Fund but will be separate from our main depository account due to the access to the account by the credit card processor.
4. Check no 9908327084 for Zero to Three in the amount of \$9,296.60 for Invoice no 50485.
5. Bids for a Tennis Court and 4 Pickleball Courts at the Forrest County District 1 Multi-Purpose Sports Fields. Award Bid to Stewart Development, to be paid from District 1 special account fund 006.

D. 16th Section Leases

1. Acknowledge 16th Section Residential Lease between Petal Municipal School District and Jacob Lieux, PPIN 036482, containing 5 ACRES M/L with annual rent of \$1275.50; Authorize Board President to execute.

E. Tax Assessor

1. Approved increased assessment for PPIN 2764 as submitted by Tax Assessor, Mary Ann Palmer.
2. Approved Petition of Assessment for PPINs 19188, 40937, 8730 and 46510 as submitted by Tax Assessor, Mary Ann Palmer.

F. Tax Collector

1. Authorize the Chancery Clerk to void the sale of PPIN 39531 for 2023 due to the PPIN was supposed to be pulled from the sale. No refund is due.
2. Authorize the Chancery Clerk to consider cancelling PPIN 2248 for the 2023 taxes. This property is 16th Section land and a new lease was issued 4/1/2024 in Bk #1444 Page# 723-737. 2023 taxes sold to the State of Mississippi and no refund is due.

G. Inventory

1. Approve and authorize the attached list of items to be removed from Inventory at Tax Assessor's Office, as submitted by DeAnn Clay, Inventory Control Clerk.; Authorize to sell at Auction per the request of Tax Assessor.

H. Travel

1. Approve Sheriff Charlie Sims to attend the 2025 Sheriff's Summer Conference at the Golden Nugget on June 2-6, 2025 and approve all costs associated with room and meals; estimated cost of room is \$479.96.
2. Approve Judge Helfrich, Lucy Davenport, Derek Jones, Candy Rickman, Jonathan Harrison, Kathy Rogers, Randi Harris, Lin Carter, Davis Ward, and Greg Holliman to attend RISE25 Conference in Kissimmee, FL from May 28th through May 31, 2025 in an amount of \$795.00 per member for the Conference registration plus travel and lodging.
3. Approve JT Shepherd's attendance at Law Enforcement Basic Sniper (5-day Class) Columbia Law Enforcement Training Academy on March 17-21, 2025. The cost of the training will be \$750.00.
4. Approve Zach Ruple's attendance at MLEOA 2025 LAWDOG Seminar and Certification. There will be no cost for training. Estimated cost of the hotel is \$321.00.
5. Approve Jessica Holcomb's and Summer Merritt's attendance at LEAPS Training at Brandon Municipal Complex. There will be no cost for training. Estimated cost of the hotel is \$346.08.
6. Approve Jessica Holcomb's attendance at Communications Training Officer at Long Beach Police Department. The cost of the training will be \$350.00.
7. Approve Jessica Holcomb's attendance at CIT Training at Covington County-Bobby Mooney Complex. There will be no cost for training.

8. Approve John Tryner's attendance at Vehicle Forensics Course. There will be no cost for training or hotel stay.

I. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Pinebelt Foundation- Hattiesburg Hundred 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 Disabled Veterans (DAV) Chapter #62 to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

J. Payables

1. Approve payment to Shows, Dearman, and Waits, in the total amount of \$36,695.30 for Professional Services from December 1, 2024 to January 11, 2025:
 - a. Invoice No. 24567, Project No. FC24-300, County Wide Property Inventory, \$972.50
 - b. Invoice No. 24575, Project No. SABP-18(1), Red Creek Rd., \$7,293.60
 - c. Invoice No. 24574, Project No. LSBP-18(22), Sullivan Drive, \$12,775.68
 - d. Invoice No. 24571, Project No. SAP-18(17)M, Countywide Overlay/Microseal, \$14,843.52
 - e. Invoice No. 24566, Project No. FC22-278D, Timber Bridge Replacement 2022-Churchwell Rd (Branch off Black Creek), \$810.00
2. Approve payment to Pearl Comm Fiber in the amount of \$105.00 a month for adding Wifi at the RV Park and internet access the staging areas for Multi-Purpose Center.
3. Approve payment to Secretary of State in the amount of \$25.00 for Tameraka Garner's, Justice Court, notary application.
4. Authorize the Board to reimburse Rawls Springs Utility District the total amount of \$63,456.00 from District 2 ARPA funds for system improvements.

5. Approve payment to the Mississippi Department of Security in the amount of \$2,780.00 for unemployment reimbursement for the Fourth Quarter of 2024.
6. Approve payment to Cadence Bank for \$2204.67 for the Sherrif's credit card statement.
7. Approve payment to the FCSO in the amount of \$87.53 for reimbursement of petty cash.
8. Approve payment to: Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$22,500.00 for Crime Lab Invoices (FCSO will submit to responsible Agencies listed for reimbursement)Hattiesburg Police Department for \$12,420.00, Petal Police Department for \$2,940.00, Perry County Sheriff's Office for \$840.00, and Forrest County Sheriff's Office for \$6,360.00.
9. Approve payment to Pearl River Community College in the amount of \$125,000.00 for County Tuition Assistance Program.
10. Approve quote from Digital Storm in the amount of \$10,011.00 for the FCSO paid from Edward Bryne Memorial Grant.
11. Approve payment to Craig Morris in the amount of \$156.50 for reimbursement of Commercial DL endorsements.
12. Approve payment to Chancery Court in the amount of \$11,988.00 for funds received in error via the Paymode account.
13. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$2,241.53. (Gentry Mordica, \$940.23; Steve Stringer, \$387.89; Terri Bell, \$841.60; Jennifer Slade, \$29.70' Kyle Mims, \$42.11).

K. Capital Outlay Expenditures

1. Approve Capital Outlay Expenditures:
 - a. **Mingledorff's** Maintenance to purchase an ice maker for North Forrest Community Center in the amount of \$6350.00 (see attached quotes)
 - b. **Dell, Inc.** Jail Maintenance to purchase 2 desktop computers to include monitors in the amount of \$4577.90.
 - c. **Precision Fence, LLC** Jail Maintenance to purchase fencing in the amount of \$30,428.25 (see attached quotes).

L. Personnel Action

1. New Hire: Derek Jones started Full time at the Drug Court effective 2/10/2025.
2. New Hire: Michelle Walker started Part time at the Coroner's Office effective 2/10/2025.
3. New Hire: Daxton Merritt started Full time at the Adult Detention Center effective 2/10/2025.
4. Separation of Service: Richard Barnes, retired effective 2/7/2025.
5. Separation of Service: Tim Wilks, retired effective 2/21/2025.
6. Raises for the staff at Justice Court (See Attachment)
7. Lucy Davenport received a raise at Drug Court effective 2/18/2025.
8. Kathy Rogers received Supplement paid by MDOC paid by 12th Circuit Drug Court effective 2/10/2025.
9. Jonathan Harris received a yearly Supplement from the Drug Court effective 2/10/2025.
10. Derek Jones received a rate change at the Drug Court effective 2/10/2025.
11. Maylisa Smith received a promotion in the IT Department effective 2/24/2025.
12. Tabitha Woods from Adult Detention went on Intermittent FMLA effective 1/27/2025.
13. Sidney Conway started Full-time at Tax Assessor's Office effective 2/18/2025.
14. Amanda Barrentine received a rate change at Tax Assessor's Office effective 2/24/2025.

M. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

End Of Consent Agenda

N. Financial Documents

1. Approve Financial Documents as presented.

O. Discussion Matters

1. Invoice No. 24568, Project No. FC24-301, Glendale Community Center Drainage, \$5,020.00; Invoice No. 24565, Project No. FC21-263, County Bridge Replacement Program (Rockhill-Brooklyn Rd), \$3,900.00; Invoice No. 24564, Project No. FC18-239, Boat Ramps-Churchwell, Pep's Point, and Simms, \$3,002.50.
2. Approve increased assessment for PPIN 45454 as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.

P. Additional Matters

1. Acknowledge Woodhaven Lake Estates Phase II plat.
2. Motion made by Supervisor Mordica Seconded by Supervisor Woullard to allow City of Hattiesburg to use Timberton Voting Precent for elections.
3. Motion made by Supervisor Thompson Seconded by Supervisor Mordica to advertise for (new) Marketing position at the Multi-Purpose Center.
4. Motion made by Supervisor Stringer Seconded by Supervisor Mordica to purchase a Sponsorship Petal Education Foundation's Laughter & Lagniappe April 10, 2025, in the amount of \$350.00, from Rec 3 funds.
5. Motion made by Supervisor Woullard Seconded by Supervisor Mordica to purchase a Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 for Jackson State University for scholarships.
6. Motion made by Supervisor Woullard Seconded by Supervisor Mordica to acknowledge the resignation of District 5 Election Commissioner, Sue Polk, effective March 31, 2025.
7. Motion made by Supervisor Stringer Seconded by Supervisor Thompson accept the donation of a 2010 Ford E350 Ambulance, VIN No. 1FDSS3EP44DA14189,

from AAA to Coroner, add to inventory, insurance. Authorize payment in the amount \$10.00 to Forrest County Tax Collector for title name change and \$12.00 payment to MS Dept of Revenue for Government tag.

8. Motion made by Supervisor Woullard to clear room.

9. Establish the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing prospective litigation. SW

10. Exit Executive Session. WS

11. Clear room. W

12. Establish the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Law Enforcement matters and Minors. WM

13. Exit Executive Session. WS

14. Motion made by Supervisor Mordica Seconded by Supervisor Woullard to transfer \$100,000 from Opioid funds to FCSO for the purchase of cameras, x-ray devices, training, equipment, etc.

15. Approve payment to Centerpoint Energy in the amount of \$306.48 for Carnes VFD. WS

16. Clear room.

17. Establish the need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Forrest General Hospital matters.

18. Exit Executive Session.

19. Motion made by Supervisor Woullard Seconded by Supervisor Stringer for the authorization of 9 million bank qualified nontaxable Bond by Forrest General Hospital.

20. Motion made by Supervisor Stringer Seconded by Supervisor Mordica to replenish Petty Cash account in the amount of \$197.49 for the Multi-Purpose Center.

21. Motion made by Supervisor Mordica Seconded by Supervisor Stringer to hire Joseph Tullos to expedite Right of Ways.

22. Motion made by Supervisor Stringer Seconded by Supervisor Thompson to approved payment to MS Department of Revenue in the amount of \$32.00 for tag

renewal for District Attorney's Office, 2021 Chevrolet Silverado VIN No. 1GCUYDED9MZ432553 and 2020 GMC Sierra, VIN No. 3GTV9AEF4LF14996.

23. Motion made by Supervisor Stringer Seconded by Supervisor Woullard to authorize BREAD to set up PayPal account for form of payment for Community Center rentals; authorize payment in the amount of \$750.00 to BREAD.

24. Recess to Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Recess until 10:00 am Thursday, March 6, 2025