



Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors

Date: Monday, April 21, 2025

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**
- **Approve or Amend Agenda**

Approve Consent Agenda Items

Motion: Woullard 2nd: Vote: Stringer

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- March 2025

1. The Maintenance report, as submitted by Dan Lee, Maintenance, Maintenance Supervisor
2. The Multi-Purpose report, as submitted by Jeremiah Branch, Director
3. The Veteran's Service Office report, as submitted by Gerald Britt, Forrest County Veterans Servicer Officer
4. The Meal Log for Juvenile Detention (1032)
5. The Tax Collector's report, as submitted by Zac Howell, Tax Collector

C. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge the closing of County Offices on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday pursuant to Mississippi Code 3-3-7(2).

2. Acknowledge payment to Pearl Comm Fiber in the total amount of \$321.61 for Invoice No. APR 1-30. (Dixie Barn \$108.33), (Brooklyn Barn \$108.33), and (McLaurin, \$104.95)
3. Acknowledge payment to Pearl Comm Fiber in the total amount of \$163.76 for Invoice No. APR 1-30. (John Mooris Rd Carnes VFD, \$63.81) and (Churchwell Rd, McLaurin station no. 2, \$99.95)
4. Acknowledge and authorize the Board President to sign the Resolution for Right Way to Throw Away Day Funding Support. (Event will be Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Bobby Chain Airport and Lamar County Multipurpose Center from 8AM to 2PM).
5. Acknowledge and authorize the Board President to execute the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for construction of Boat Ramp Upgrades for Churchwell Road, Project No. FC18-239.
6. Acknowledge the expiration of Anthony Muli's appointment on April 12, 2025; Consider the re-appointment to Rawls Springs Utility District.
7. Acknowledge Memorandum of Understanding between MS Transportation Commission and FCSO for Automatic License Readers (ALPR); authorize Board President to sign.
8. Acknowledge Memorandum of Understanding between R&G Correctional Service and FCSO for Jail Consulting Service; authorize Board President to execute.
9. Acknowledge the submittal of the MS Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) Homeland Security Grant Application for metal detectors at the Justice Court Building, Youth Court, and Tax Services Building (TOTAL Grant Request: \$22,641.00). NO LOCAL MATCH
10. Acknowledge the fully executed MS Department of Public Safety (Office of Justice Programs) grant modification for the Forrest County Youth Drug Court (Grant No. 23DC1181).

D. 16th Section

1. Acknowledge 16th Section Lease between Hattiesburg Municipal School District and Kenneth Bryant, PPIN 18006 with an annual rent of \$276.00; Authorize Board President to execute.
2. Acknowledge 16th Section Lease between Forrest County School District and Robert V. Riley, total acreage 25.5 M/L with an annual rent of \$1020.00; Authorize Board President to execute.
3. Authorize 16th Section Lease between Forrest County School District and Robert V. Riley, total acreage 20 acres M/L with an annual rent of \$800; Authorize Board President to execute.

E. Tax Assessor

1. Approve increased assessment for PPIN 47093 as submitted by Tax Assessor, Mary Ann Palmer.
2. Approve cancellation of Tax Sale for 2023 for Julia Denise Brown on Parcel No. 1-044-27-27-055.00, PPIN 2559 due to previously paid on the wrong parcel.
3. Approve and authorize the Tax Collector to amend and correct receipts for a refund to the Mortgage Company (MCO Nationstar Mtg. LLC) on PPIN 2560 for the years of 2021, 2022, and 2023. Upon the refund, the Mortgage Company will pay the correct PPIN 2559 under the name of Julia Denise Brown.
4. Approve Petition for Reduction of Assessment for PPINs 2560, 13178, and 37865, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.

F. Travel

1. Authorize Allen Crocker, FCSO to attend Stuntronics ICE Shield Instructor hosted by Mississippi Department of Corrections in Jackson, MS. Dates are May 13th-15th. Authorize payment for the cost of registration is \$590.00 from the Jail training budget.

G. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Mississippi Miss Hospitality, Inc to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
2. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to NAACP FORREST COUNTY BRANCH, Inc to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
3. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to William Carey University to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

H. Payables

1. Approve payment to Pugh Bail Bonding Company in the amount of \$450.00 for refund of the Remission of Bond.
2. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$7,515.00 for Invoice No. 25052 for professional services for Riverwalk MDOT Retaining Wall.
3. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$5,834.88 for Invoice No. 25055 for professional services for Red Creek Road.
4. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$7,740.00 for Invoice No. 25054 for professional services for Forrest County Overlay.
5. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$5,759.46 for Invoice No. 25053 for professional services for Glendale Avenue Boat Ramp.
6. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$620.00 for Invoice No. 25050 for professional services for Boat Ramps= Churchwell, Peps Point, and Simms.
7. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$350.00 for Invoice No. 25051 for professionals to SDW County Bridge Replacement Program.
8. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$7,629.12 for Invoice No. 25056 for professional services on Elks Lake Road.
9. Approve payment to MS Department of Revenue in the amount of \$12.00 for a 2025 Ford Explorer SUV, VIN 1FM5K8AB6SGB07672 for a Government Tag.
10. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$5,521.47 for the Supervisors, County Administrator, and Road Manager's credit card statements: Gentry Mordica (\$768.68), Sharon Thompson (\$845.76), Steve Stringer (\$1049.90), Roderick Woullard (\$922.96), Terri Bell (\$980.92), Jennifer Slade (\$953.25), Kyle Mims (\$0.00).
11. Authorize payment to Breakthrough Community Services, Inc. in the amount of \$5,308.17 (to be paid from ARPA funds) for wheelchair ramp installation at 472 Eatonville Road.
12. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$1455.60 for the FCSO credit card.

I. Capital Outlay Expenditures

1. Approve Capital Outlay Expenditures:
 - a. Ferguson Maintenance to purchase a water cooler for Dixie Community Center in the amount of \$1219.54 (includes \$40.00 freight).
 - b. Pine Belt Fleet Services Rawls Springs VFD to repair coolant leak on fire truck in the amount of \$9279.03 (see attached quotes).
 - c. Mingledorff's Maintenance to purchase an air conditioner for the Elections office in the amount of \$4960.00.
 - d. Big Dawg Fire Brooklyn VFD to purchase a brush truck in the amount of \$75,000.00 (see attached quotes).
 - e. Lewis Printing Board of Supervisors to have books repaired using the Records Grant in the amount of \$11,980.00 (see attached quotes).

J. Personnel Action

New hire:

1. **Michael Lee, Jr (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 4/07/2025
2. **Da'Mon Walmon (Juvenile Detention Center)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 4/21/2025
3. **Denzel Expose (Fire Fighter)**
 - Part-time without benefits
 - Effective Date: 4/16/2025

Separation of Service:

1. **Dalton Retherford (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 3/31/2025
2. **Destin McNutt (Dispatcher/FCSO)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 4/03/2025
3. **Meredith Palen (Juvenile Detention Center)**
 - Retracting Job Offer
 - Effective Date: 3/24/2025

4. **Christoen Sabino (Juvenile Detention Center)**

- Voluntary Resignation
- Effective Date : 4/13/2025

5. **Brycen McKee (IT Dept)**

- Voluntary Resignation
- Effective Date : 5/2/2025

6. **Ryan Yawn (Forrest County MPC)**

- Voluntary Resignation
- Effective Date: 4/2/2025

7. **Richard Tew (Tax Assessor Office)**

- Voluntary Resignation
- Effective Date: 4/14/2025

8. **Sydney Cowart (Tax Assessor)**

- Effective Date: 4/14/2025

9. **Aaron Steele (Maintenance)**

- No Call/No Show
- Effective Date: 4/16/2025

Change:

1. **Cherlie Berry (Juvenile Detention Center)**

- Rescinding Transfer to Annex
- Effective Date: 4/10/2025

2. **William Rap (Rec3)**

- Full-time with benefits
- Effective Date: 4/14/2025

Other:

1. **Madra Lyas (Corrections Officer)**

- Coming OFF Intermittent FMLA
- Effective 4/14/2025

K. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

L. Financial

1. Financial Summary, as presented by Stephen May, County Comptroller

End Of Consent Agenda

M. Discussion Matters

1. Authority for Forrest County Road Department, per request of Paul B. Johnson State Park, to assist them in their Campground Area using the long arm in cutting vegetation.
2. Approve Free Port Warehouse License Application for HAJOCA CORP located at 1526 N. Main Street, Hattiesburg, MS.
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4. Bonaventure McLaurin VFD to have a truck repaired in the amount of \$18,075.00 (see attached quotes).

N. Additional Matters

1. Acknowledge Modification and Addendum of Lease Agreement between Forrest County and the Drug Enforcement Administration regarding the first-floor property of S. 28th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; authorize Board President to execute.
2. Approve payment to Owens Business Machines in the amount of \$232.00 for Invoice No. 504663.
3. Authorize payment to Hattiesburg School District in the amount of \$17,934.86 for additional M.V. Privilege Tax District.

Recess until 10:00 am Monday, May 5, 2025