



Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors

Date: Monday, May 19, 2025

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**
- 1. **Rebecca Stuart, Executive Director - Domestic Abuse Family Shelter**
- 2. **Kenny Jett – SMPDD**
- 3. **Ralph Moon – Midsouth Machinery**
- **Approve or Amend Agenda**

Approve Consent Agenda Items: A-M

Motion: Stringer 2nd: Thompson 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- April 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 (830)
5. The Tax Collector's report, as submitted by Zac Howell, Tax Collector
6. The Planning Department report, as submitted by Corey Proctor, Planner
7. County Engineer's report, as submitted by Nick Connolly, County Engineer

C. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge payment to Forrest County Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$641.79 from CCMSI, for insurance Claim No. 24F39M634227 on a 2021 Dodge Charger, VIN 2C3CDXAT0MH544247.
2. Acknowledge payment in the total amount of \$6,809.60 from the MS Department of Finance and Administration to Forrest County BOS for Forrest County Youth Court.
3. Acknowledge Final Estimate from MDOT for STP-8760-00 (004) LPA/107710-701000, Country Club Road Pedestrian Overpass; Authorize Board President to execute.
4. Acknowledge payment to Delta Utilities, Check No. 70544, in the total amount of \$292.18 for Sunrise Voting Precinct.
5. Acknowledge receipt of Check No. 246336 in the total amount of \$114,573.10 to the Forrest County BOS for INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT OF HATTIESBURG-LAUREL REGIONAL AIRPORT.
6. Acknowledge payment to Pearl Comm Fiber in the total amount of \$314.85 for Invoice No. MAY1-31. (Dixie Barn, \$104.95), (Brooklyn Barn, \$104.95), and (McLaurin Barn, \$104.95) for internet services.
7. Acknowledge payment to Pearl Comm Fiber in the total amount of \$173.90 for Invoice No. MAY 1-31. (Carnes VFD, \$64.45) and Churchwell Rd Static, \$109.45) for internet services.
8. Acknowledge receipt of \$14,098.98 from the Unclaimed Property fund from the State Treasurer.
9. Approve and authorize the attached list of items to be removed from Inventory, as submitted by Deann Clay, Inventory Clerk.
10. Acknowledge and authorize permission to enter contract with Cloud Gavel. The cost will be \$10,000.00 annually with a \$1,500 Startup Fee. The payment will be split; District Attorney's Office, (\$5,000), Petal Police Dept. (\$3,250), and the Forrest County Sheriff's Office will pay the remaining.

D. 16th Section

1. Acknowledge 16th Section Lease between Hattiesburg Municipal School District and Griffin Estates, LLC, 20984 with an annual rent of \$178.00; Authorize Board President to execute.

E. Tax Assessor

1. Approve and Authorize the Tax Collector to remove the Industrial Exemption code for the year 2024 on personal property accounts for Georgia Pacific Consumer Operation, PPIN 7370 and PPIN 7576, and Green Bay Converting Inc., PPIN 7578 based on denial of the DOR. Taxes are due and payable with taxing district code 4110, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.
2. Approve Removal of Exempt Code for PPIN 13051, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.
3. Approve Petition for Reduction of Assessment for PPIN 14303, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.
4. Approve piece of land, PPIN 2560, owned by Ben Burkett, located on Sheeplo Loop, Petal, MS which joins another 32 Acres of Mr. Burkett's land, to be designated as agricultural land for the years of 2021, 2022, and 2023. This property has been reviewed by the Appraisers and does qualify as such. Please approve request as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.

F. Travel

1. Authorize Constable Tommy Cook to attend the MS Constables Association Annual Convention in Biloxi, MS at Courtyard Gulfport Beachfront. Dates are June 8th -June 13, 2025. Authorize payment to the Mississippi Constables Association in the amount of \$450 for the Convention registration fee, lodging in the amount of \$862.40 to payable to Courtyard Gulfport Beach Front, and all applicable travel expenses.
2. Authorize payment for Judge Gay Polk Payton to attend the Mississippi Bar Convention. The hotel fee is \$2,179.50 made payable to Accounting, Sandestin Resort. Registration is \$545.00 made payable to Mississippi Bar. The dates are from July9-12, 2025.
3. Authorize payment to MJCJA in the amount of \$500, registration fee, for Judge Gay Polk Payton to attend the MS Justice Court Judges Association Summer Convention. The dates are from June 28-July 3, 2025 at the IP Resort in Biloxi, MS.

4. Authorize payment in the total amount of \$604.95 to the IP Casino Resort & Spa, for Hotel and Resort fees for Judge Gay Polk Payton to attend the MS Justice Court Judges Association, (MJCJA). \$184.99 for Saturday, 6/28/25 and \$104.99 each night beginning Sunday, 6/29/25 through Wednesday, 7/2/2025.

5. Authorize payment in the amount of \$7,200 to Columbia Law Enforcement for Corrections Officer Training; Gaius Cooper, Jennifer Dye, Thomas Fite, Zachary Jefferson, Tanakia Manning, Daxton Merritt, Madata Okafor, Orlando Sellers, and Corinthians Stewart.

G. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Kimberly Butler, Ms. Wheelchair Mississippi 2025, Ms. Wheelchair MS Foundation, Inc to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3. \$2,500 from General Advertising Fund.

H. Payables

1. Approve payment to Jones College Workforce Development in the total amount of \$300. (\$100 each) for Corey Proctor, Steve Stringer, and Kyle Mims, to attend Drone FAA 107 Prep Class. The dates are June 18th and 19th and June 23rd and 24th from 1pm to 5pm.

2. Approve payment to Enterprise Fleet Management for recurring charges of \$18,966.10 and non-recurring charges of \$1,834.40 for a total amount of \$20,800.50.

3. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$655.33 for the FCSO credit card.

4. Approve payment to Secretary of State in the amount of \$25.00 for Notary Application for Douglas E. Benedict, Jr, "Butch Benedict", Election Commissioner.

5. Approve payment to AT&T in the amount of \$2,756.28 for a damaged cable at 492 Indian Springs Road. Crews were cleaning out a culvert.

6. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$5,652.57 for the Supervisors, County Administrator, and Road Manager's Credit Card Statements: Gentry Mordica (\$719.73), Sharon Thompson (\$969.78), Steve Stringer (\$732.02), Roderick Woullard (\$3,185.02), Terri Bell (\$14.58), Jennifer Slade (\$31.40), and Kyle Mims (\$0.00).

7. Approve payment to Douglas Barnett in the amount of \$848.03 to reimburse him for a necklace and earring that were misplaced at the Forrest County Jail.

8. Approve payment in the amount of \$5,800 to H.H. Klein, III, Attorney at Law for currency that was seized by the State of Mississippi from Leonid Olivia Pacheco on March 20, 2025.

I. Capital Outlay Expenditures

1. Approve Capital Outlay Expenditures:

- a. Mingledorff's Maintenance to purchase an A/C for the Election Commission's office in the amount of \$4960.00.
- b. Ferguson Maintenance to purchase 2 water coolers for Dixie Community Center and Dantzler Community Center in the amount of \$1219.54 each (includes freight). See attached quotes.

J. Multi- Purpose Center Expenditures

1. Multi- Purpose Center is seeking approval to purchase a Mr. Buddy Vacuum System for a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. He is basing the cost off of a "sole source" company. Authorize payment in the amount of \$21,845.50 for required down payment.

2. Mutli-Purpose Center is seeking approval to purchase 2 new John Deere Commercial lawn mowers from AgUp in the amount of \$12,437.81 each for a total of \$24,875.62 on State Contract.

3. Multi- Purpose Center is also seeking to enter into a multi-year lease agreement with AgUp on the following 2 machines:

- a. John Deere 333 P-Tier Compact Track Loader at a cost of \$25,872.16 annually.
- b. John Deere 5090E Open Operator Station Tractor at a cost of \$9,913.78 annually. (Please see attached quotes and information regarding the purchase and the lease).

K. Personnel Action, With Additions

New hire:

1. **LaTrenda Gowan (Annex-Evaluation Center)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 5/19/2025
2. **Alexis Scott (FCSO-Dispatcher)**
 - Part-time without benefits
 - Effective Date: 5/19/2025
3. **Tyler Expose, (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date : 5/19/2025
4. **Aaron Herrington (Operations Team MPC)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date : 5/19/2025
5. **Jua McNair (Road & Bridge)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 5/19/2025
6. **Olivia Leggett (Asst. Visitation Monitor/Youth Court)**
 - Part-time without benefits
 - Hourly Rate: \$15.00
 - Effective Date: 5/27/2025

Separation of Service:

1. **Michael Lee (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 5/15/2025
2. **Venus Nelson (Custodian/Maintenance)**
 - Effective Date: 05/14/2025
3. **Michelle Walker (Secretary/Coroner's Office)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 5/16/2025

Other:

1. **Jessica Savoy (Justice Court-Civil)**
 - Intermittent FMLA
 - Effective 5/1/2025
2. **Herbert Donell Brannon (Courts/FCSO)**
 - Starting FMLA
 - Effective Date: 5/12/2025
3. **Scott Drennan (Director of Operation/MPC)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 5/19/2025

L. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

M. Financial

1. Financial Summary, as presented by Stephen May, County Comptroller
2. Authorize Stephen May, Comptroller to transfer funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the General Fund, (001) to the Multi-purpose Center Fund, (405), and approve the associated budget amendments to 405-000-387 and 001-900-951.

End Of Consent Agenda

N. Discussion Matters

1. Acknowledge request from Forrest County School District to Forrest County BOS to assist with clean up and removal of two structures on Forrest County School District owned property behind South Forrest Attendance Center.

2. Approve request to borrow Lamar County Road Crew's Asphalt truck and Chip Spreader in preparation of training and retaining information of potential future purchase of chipseal equipment.
3. Acknowledge Order Appointing and Setting Salary of Staff Attorney, William W. Morrison, effective July 1, 2025.
4. Acknowledge Addendum to Lease between Old DePriest Church and Forrest County, to set forth a contractual obligation of the County to provide full property and casualty insurance coverage on said property.
5. Acknowledge Order appointing and setting Salary of Court Administrator, Melba Chauvin, effective July 1, 2025.

O. Additional Matters

1. Approve SMPDD-TDWDA Worksite Agreement
2. Approve up to 5 Summer Employee per Rec Department.
3. Acknowledge Proclamation for Fallen Officers Memorial from May 15, 2025.
4. Approve Agreement with Joseph Tullos for Forrest County Right of Way work for Suggs and Archie Smith Road.
5. Approve allocation of \$30,000 from Recreation 4 funds for Summer Program.
6. Clear room.
7. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation.
8. Exit Executive Session.
9. Approve payment to MS Dept of Revenue in the amount of \$12.00 for Government tag for FCSO, for 2023 Dodge Charger, VIN 2C3CDXAT9PH532845.
10. Approve payment to Mulberry Vicksburg & Wyndham Hotel in the amount of \$440.00.
11. Recess to Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Recess until 10:00 am Monday, June 2, 2025