



Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors

Date: Monday, August 18, 2025

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

Approve Consent Agenda Items A-K

Motion: Thompson Second: 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- July 2025

1. The Multi -Purpose report, as submitted by Jeremiah Branch, Director
2. The Veteran's Service Office report, as submitted by Gerald Britt, Forrest County Veterans Servicer Officer
3. The Meal Log for Juvenile Detention (1032)
4. The Tax Collector's Surrendered Tag List for June 2025
5. The Tax Collector's Surrendered Tag List for July 2025
6. The Road and Bridge Department report, as submitted by Kyle Mims, Road Manager.

C. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge Minor Subdivision Plat- Tripper Lee Subdivision.
2. Acknowledge Office Bids were opened on July 31, 2025.
3. Acknowledge payment to Pearl Comm Fiber in the total amount of \$689.65; Dixie Barn (\$104.95); Brooklyn Barn (\$104.95); Carnes VFD (\$59.95); McLaurin Pole Barn (\$104.95) Arena Drive Detention Center (\$104.95); Churchwell Road (\$104.95); FEMA Shelter (\$104.95).
4. Acknowledge and ratify the attached Community Center deposit refunds for July 2025, as submitted by Stephen May, Comptroller. (See Attachments).
5. Acknowledge the attached Quarterly Report for ARPA SLFRF for the 2nd Quarter 2025, as submitted by Stephen May, Comptroller.
6. Acknowledge and Ratify payments in the total amount of \$21,948.81 for 101 Poll Workers in the Republican Primary Special Election.
7. Acknowledge and approve Southern Health Partners' offer to renew contract for 10/1/2025 thru 9/30/2026.
8. Acknowledge and approve permission to apply for the FY26 MS Leadership Council on Aging TRIAD Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00.
9. Acknowledge and approve MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT between Camp Shelby Fire Department (CFSD) and Forrest County Fire Services (FCFS) pursuant to Mississippi Mutual Aid System and Mississippi Code §33-15-17.

D. 16th Section

1. Acknowledge 16th Section Lease Cancellation between Hattiesburg Public School District and Robert L. Hill, PPIN 35419; Authorize Board President to execute.
2. Acknowledge 16th Section Recreational Lease between Forrest County School District and Forrest County Board of Supervisors, PPIN 7672, with an annual rent of \$1940.00; Authorize Board President to execute.
3. Authorize 16th Section Hunting and Fishing Lease between Forrest County School District and Timothy Davenport, Lease # 111211, total acreage 115 acres M/L with an annual rent of \$2,300; Authorize Board President to execute.
4. Authorize 16th Section Hunting and Fishing Lease between Forrest County School District and Timothy Davenport, Lease # 111210, total acreage 192 acres M/L with an annual rent of \$2,688; Authorize Board President to execute.
5. Acknowledge 16 Section Lease Cancellation between Forrest County Board of Supervisors and Judy Griffin, Parcel No. 1-035X-16-044.00; Authorize Board President to execute.

6. Acknowledge 16th Section Lands Assignment of Leasehold Interest between Lance Ware and Brandon Robertson and Ryan Brown, Section 16, Township 3N, Range 12W; Authorize Board President to execute.
7. Acknowledge 16th Section Amended Residential Lease between Forrest County School District and James Martin, Lease# 611601, PPINs 4982, 33885, and 44164; Authorize Board President to execute.
8. Acknowledge 16th Section Corrected Term for Lease for Dixie Developments, LLC, Lease# 402419 on 3.34 total acres; Authorize Board President to execute.
9. Acknowledge 16th Section Lease Cancellation between Forrest County School District and Todd Bailey, PPIN# 820; Authorize Board President to execute.
10. Acknowledge 16th Section Lease Cancellation between Forrest County School District and Todd Bailey, PPIN# 830; Authorize Board President to execute.
11. Acknowledge 16th Section Assignment of Residential Lease between Kingston Apartments and Brend Elizabeth Lopez Y Lopez, PPIN 18016; Authorize Board President to execute.

E. Travel

1. Authorize Ashleigh Fontaine to attend the Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing/Property Agents Annual Conference (MAGPPA) on October 26-29, 2025. Authorize payment for Registration fee in the amount of \$200 made payable to Mississippi Association of governmental Purchasing/Property Agents. Hotel stay is at IP Casino Resort Spa in Biloxi, Authorize payment to IP Casino Resort Spa in the amount of \$314.97. (There is a \$15 resort fee per room per night included in total amount).

F. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Hattiesburg High, North Forrest High School, Petal High School, and FCAHS Booster Clubs to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

G. Payables

1. Approve payment to LEARFIELD in the total amount of \$45,592.00, Invoice No. 749-268192-723987.
2. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$380.78 for FCSO Credit Card.
3. Approve payment to MDES in the total amount of \$6,143.77 for Benefit Payments for Employee Claims.
4. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$5,269.19 for the Supervisors, County Administrator, and Road Manager's Credit Card Statements: Gentry Mordica (\$1,498.01), Sharon Thompson (\$661.58), Steve Stringer (\$1,828.78), Roderick Woullard (\$1,255.82), Terri Bell (\$0.00), Jennifer Slade (\$25.00), and Kyle Mims (\$0.00).

H. Capital Outlay Expenditures

1. Approve Capital Outlay Expenditures:
 - a. **Jansen Painting Maintenance** to have Justice Court (Masonic Temple) repainted in the amount of \$39,000.00. (See attached quotes)
 - b. **Mingledorff's Maintenance** to purchase an A/C unit for the Rawls Springs VFD in the amount of \$1,576.11.
 - c. **Broome Ventures, LLC Maintenance** to have Circuit Building painted in the amount of \$13,125.95. (See attached quotes)
 - d. **ICS Jail Supplies Jail** to purchase 300 mattresses in the total amount of \$15,900.00. (See attached quotes)

I. Personnel Action

New hire:

1. **LaRisha Ridge (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 8/11/2025
2. **Kamryn Loy (Juvenile Detention Center)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 8/25/2025

Separation of Service:

1. **Alexus Blanchard (PT Guard)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 8/1/2025
2. **Reginald Gowdy (Road & Bridge)**
 - Termination
 - Effective Date: 8/12/2025
3. **Fallon Smith (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Misconduct
 - Effective Date: 8/8/2025

Change:

1. **Richard Laubscher Jr. (FCSO/Courts)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 8/11/2025
2. **Carl Pyles (FCSO/Courts)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 8/11/2025
3. **Deregrinald Williamson (FCSO/Sgt Inv)**
 - Promotion
 - Effective Date: 8/11/2025
4. **Caleb Langston (Maintenance)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 8/25/2025
5. **Jeremy Jackson (FCSO/Investigator SGT)**
 - Promotion
 - Effective Date: 8/11/2025
6. **Patrick Bourn (Youth Court)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 8/11/2025

Other:

1. **Kristi Courtney (Bailiff)**
 - Going on FMLA
 - Effective Date: 7/17/2025

J. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented

K. Financial

1. Financial Summary, as presented by Stephen May, County Comptroller
2. Acknowledge the proposed FY26 Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Levy and Authorize Publication of Notice for the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY26 Budget to be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

End Of Consent Agenda

L. Discussion Matters

1. Approve and authorize request for permission for Road Manager, Kyle Mims and Forrest County Road and Bridge Crew to assist the Center in cleaning up already established course for use of 3D Archery competition taking place in October, 2025 per Jeremiah Branch, Executive Director of The Center.
2. Approve Proposal for Website Redesign for The Center at Forrest County, submitted by Jeremiah Branch, Executive Director, The Center.
3. Approve payment to Hudson Contracting in the amount of \$89,762.47 for Brooklyn Utility Sewer District for sewer upgrades from the MCWI Grant funds.

M. Additional Matters

1. Acknowledge ORDER FOR DISPOSITION OF SEIZED PROPERTY in the total amount of \$7,615.00, pursuant to Order from Judge Carol Russell Jones.; \$6,092 to the Hattiesburg Police Department; \$1,523 to the Forrest/Perry Counties District Attorney's Office, all to be distributed, used or disposed of according to law.
2. Acknowledge AGREED ORDER FOR DISPOSITION OF SEIZED PROPERTY on a 2012 QX56 Infiniti VIN # JNSAZ2NC9C9317210, pursuant to order from Judge Carol Russell Jones.

3. Acknowledge ORDER FOR DISPOSITION OF SEIZED PROPERTY on a 2022 Tesla Model 3, VIN 5YJ3E1EA2NF349689, pursuant to order from Judge Carol Russell Jones.

4. Acknowledge Homeland Security Grant for FCSO in the amount of \$59,100.00; Authorize Board President to sign.

5. Approve transfer of funds from the Forrest County Regional Jail Inmate Account to the Trust Account established City-Telecoin and managed by Rapid Financial Solutions, LLC.

6. Approve Administrative Settlement with Georgia I. Bryant, PPIN No. 9130 on Suggs Road Bridge Project, LSBP 18(20) in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Right of Way deed and Temporary Road easement (0.04 ac) and (0.32 ac) and agreement to replace three wire barbed wire fence, remove Temporary Road upon completion of the project and remove tree near roadway.

7. Approve Administrative Settlement with Quatassia M. Busby and Bryant Busby, PPIN No. 9202 on Suggs Road Bridge Project, LSBP 18(20) in an amount not to exceed \$3500.00 for Right of Way deed and Temporary use easement (0.03 ac) and (0.06 ac) and clean and grade temporary use easement (.06 ac) upon completion of project.

8. Authority for Board President to sign Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund for the Brooklyn Bridge Access.

9. Authority to issue payment of \$792,100.00 to the Office of State Aid Road Construction to be earmarked for the Countywide Maintenance Project. Total project estimate is \$3,024,300 and only \$2,232,200 will be covered by the current available state funds.

10. Supervisor Woullard Motioned to Establish the Need to Enter into Executive Session.

11. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential purchase of property.

12. Supervisor Thompson Motioned Supervisor Mordica Seconded to Exit Executive Session.

13. Authorize payment in the amount of \$10,000 to National Fitness Campaign for Custom Art to be paid from Special Project Funds.

14. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,000 to Special Delivery Design Group to be paid from Special Project Funds.

N. Under Advisement

1. Request from Petal Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsorship/advertisement funding to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code Section 17-3-1 and 17-3-3.
2. Approval for Road & Bridge Department to maintain ROW on Dauphine Street in Brooklyn.

Recess until 10:00 am Tuesday September 2, 2025