



Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors
Date: Monday, September 15, 2025

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**
 1. Mike Gilpin – Concerned Citizens of Eatonville (Block Parties)
- **Approve or Amend Agenda**

Approve Consent Agenda Items A-H

Motion: Stringer 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- August 2025

1. The Multi -Purpose Center 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 (808)
4. The Surrendered Tag report, as submitted by Zac Howell, Tax Collector.
5. The Road and Bridge Dept. report, as submitted by Kyle Mims, Road Manager.

C. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge payment received from CCMSI in the amount of \$958.56, Check No. 0149209396, for the 2021 Dodge Charger, partial deductible recovery.
2. Acknowledge payment to HOSTWAY Services in the amount of \$755.58 for Invoice No. 16238175 for advanced mail services.
3. Acknowledge and approve the CSpire proposal in the amount of \$195 per month for a 50MB circuit for the Evaluation Center at 1283 Richburg Rd, Hattiesburg to replace the old Comcast circuit from Southern Telco to get rid of the analog phone lines and convert them to Voice Over IP.
4. Acknowledge payment to Enterprise FM Trust in the amount of \$17,257.53 for lease vehicles for the FCSO, Invoice No. 090425.
5. Acknowledge payment to DELTA UTILITIES in the amount of \$122.79 for utilities for the Sunrise Voting Precinct at 377 Sunrise Rd. in Petal, Invoice No. 3146215-3.
6. Acknowledge and authorize the request to ratify the attached Community Center refunds for August 1st through August 31st, 2025.
7. Acknowledge and approve request from Sheriff Sims to Renew contract with DEA with 4% increase.
8. Acknowledge and approve Resolution for Election Commission District 5.

D. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Sacred Heart Foundation, 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 Mississippi Youth Challenge Academy Foundation to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

E. Payables

1. Approve payment to **SPYGLASS** in the amount of \$3,259.80 for Services rendered.
2. Approve payment to iWorq in the total amount of \$34,500.00 for Public Works package on Invoice No. 213601. (\$29,500 from Road & Bridge) and (\$5,000 from Maintenance)

3. Approve payment to MLEOTA in the total amount of \$1,500.00 for Technical Collision Investigation, Accident Reconstruction Level II for David Ward from 9/29/25 – 10/9/25. (Fee includes Registration, Hotel Room and Meals).

4. Approve payment to MS Department of Revenue in the amount of \$12.00 for Government tag for a 2023 Dodge Charger, VIN 2C3CDXAT9PH532845 for the FCSO.

5. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$79.95 for Credit Card Statement for the Forrest County Sheriff's Office.

F. Personnel Action

New hire:

1. **Reginald Willis (Adult Detention Center)**

- Full-time with benefits
- Effective Date: 9/8/2025

2. **Ahmaya Howard (Drug Court)**

- Full-time with benefits
- Effective Date: 9/8/2025

Separation of Service:

1. **Jua McNair (Road & Bridge/County Wide)**

- Voluntary Resignation
- Effective Date: 8/28/2025

2. **Russell Haag (Road & Bridge)**

- Performance
- Effective Date: 8/28/2025

3. **Wilton McNair (Felony Public Defender)**

- Performance
- Effective Date: 8/28/2025

4. **Tanakia R. Manning (Adult Detention Center)**

- Voluntary Resignation
- Effective Date: 8/26/2025

5. **Michael McRee (FCSO)**
 - Misconduct
 - Effective Date: 9/3/2025
6. **John Tryner (FCSO)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 9/21/2025
7. **Mathias Westmoreland (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 9/15/2025
8. **Michael Mitchell (FCSO)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 9/11/20205
9. **Matthew Howard (Deputy Tax Collector)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 9/9/2025
10. **Kristi Nobles (FCSO/Courts)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 9-8-2025

Change:

1. **Rhonda Creel (District Attorney)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
2. **Kendria Jackson (District Attorney)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
3. **Juanita Jones (District Attorney)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
4. **Cortney Lankford (District Attorney)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
5. **Haley Nix (District Attorney)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025

6. **Melanie Schurb (District Attorney)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
7. **Susan Tew (District Attorney)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
8. **Ronald Roberts (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Rate Change:
 - Effective Date: 9/8/2025
9. **Jennifer Slade (County Administrator)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
10. **Rochelle Campbell (Purchase Clerk)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
11. **Ashleigh Fontaine (Asst. Purchase Clerk)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
12. **Amber Walker (Account Payable Clerk)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
13. **Kathy Rogers (Drug Court)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 9/8/2025
14. **Derek Jones (Drug Court)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 9/8/2025
15. **Jonathan Harrison (Drug Court)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 9/8/2025
16. **Angela Davis (Deputy Tax Collector)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
17. **Emily Compton (Deputy Tax Collector)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025

18. **Marlee Miller (Bookkeeper/T.C.)**

- Rate Change
- Effective Date: 10/1/2025

19. **Shannel Harris (Admin. Assistant)**

- Rate Change
- Effective Date: 10/1/2025

20. **Shawntay Woods (Deputy Tax Collector)**

- Rate Change
- Effective Date: 10/1/2025

Other:

1. **Amanda Barrentine (Tax Assessor)**

- Going on FMLA
- Effective Date: 9/9/2025

2. **Sameka Jackson (FCSO-Adult Detention Center)**

- Going on FMLA
- Effective Date: 9/3/2025

G. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

H. Financial

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

End Of Consent Agenda

I. Discussion Matters

1. Award bid for Sheeplo Playground Equipment in District 4.

J. Additional Matters

1. Acknowledge and Approve Return of Seized Personal Property from the State of Mississippi on Marlon Ventura in the amount of \$15,671.00. The check should be made payable to Marlon Ventura.
2. Acknowledge bids were opened on September 12, 2025 for fencing at the District1 Multi -Sports Complex.
3. Approve Deena Hunter, Forrest County Soil Conservation Office, to pay for Dental insurance through the County.
4. Approve payment to Eagle Tire in the amount of \$220, Invoice No. 93256, for Supervisor Stringer's County vehicle.
5. Approve payment to Coca-Cola Bottling Company United in the amount of \$2,675.52 for concessions at the Multi -Purpose Center.
6. Approve Supervisor Roderick Woullard to travel to Washington DC September 24-26, 2025, for NOBCO Board Reception and approve all travel related expenses.
7. Approve Sponsorship for 2025 Pine Belt Heart Walk in the amount of \$250.00 to be paid from Rec 3 funds.
8. Approve Sponsorship for William Carey University Folds of Honor Campaign in the amount to of \$600.00 to be paid from Advertising fund.
9. Approve Sponsorship for MS Chapter of APA (American Planning Association) in the amount of \$3,000 to be paid from advertising fund.
10. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the amount of \$1020.38 for BOS credit cards.
11. Approve the request from Jeremiah Branch, Multi-Purpose Director, to hire Amanda Johnson for RV Park- Manager.
12. Approve request from Ben Hester to approve FY26 budget for Forrest General Hospital.
13. Establish the need to enter into Executive Session.
14. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters.
15. Exit Executive Session.
16. Authority to hire John Healy III, Butler Snow, for outside Counsel for BOS.
17. Recess to Monday, October 6, 2025.

K. Under Advisement

1. Approve payment to City of Hattiesburg in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the funding of Sims Road River Access and Eco-Tourism project, contingent upon receiving MOU.
2. Approve C J MORGAN, INC. in the amount of \$30,000.00 for pump for sewer lagoon on FCAHS ground from 2022.

Recess until 10:00 am Monday, October 6 2025