



Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors

Date: Monday, October 6, 2025

- **Call to Order**

- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**
 1. Latoya Jackson- Director of DHS
 2. Derrica Killingsworth - Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 3. Rev. Gunn – First Baptist Church of Brooklyn
 4. Catherine Jorns - RISE

- **Approve September 2025 Minutes**

Amend and Approve Consent Agenda Items A-M

Motion: Mordica 2nd: Stringer 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- September 2025

1. Chancery Report, as submitted by Lance Reid, Chancery Clerk
2. Coroner's Report as submitted by Lisa Klem, Forrest County Coroner
3. Forrest County Justice Court Report, as submitted by Faye Moffett, Justice Court Clerk
4. Maintenance Report, as submitted by Dan Lee, Maintenance Supervisor
5. Election Commissioners Report, as submitted by James Harvison, Lucretia Jenkins, Johneice Dupree, Faye Noble, and Butch Benedict, Election Commissioners
6. Circuit Court Report, as submitted by Gwen Wilkes, Circuit Clerk

C. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge Order of Board of Supervisors setting forth proposed local system Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Projects for January 1, 2024 Through December 31, 2027, pursuant to House Bill 1302 of the 1994 Legislative Session.
2. Acknowledge ORDER ADJUSTING SALARY FOR AOC STAFF ATTORNEY II, for Stephanie Walker, pursuant to Order by Chancellors Chase Morgan, Sheila H. Smallwood, Rhea Sheldon, and Chad Smith. The increase in salary plus benefits will be effective October 1, 2025.
3. Acknowledge ORDER ADJUSTING SALARY FOR AOC STAFF ATTORNEY III, for Pam Castle, pursuant to Order by Chancellors Chase Morgan, Sheila H. Smallwood, Rhea Sheldon, and Chad Smith. The increase in salary plus benefits will be effective October 1, 2025.
4. Acknowledge ORDER ADJUSTING SALARY FOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR for Lisa Stringer, Gloria Moorer, and Deputy Court Administrator, Joy Haley, pursuant to Order by Chancellors Chase Morgan, Sheila H. Smallwood, Rhea Sheldon, and Chad Smith. The increase in salary plus benefits will be effective October 1, 2025.
5. Acknowledge and Approve addition of Covenant No. 2 on the Forrest County Community Center Lease Agreement.
6. Acknowledge payment to Dish Network, LLC in the amount of \$450.19, Invoice No. 335007568 for services to the Jail.
7. Acknowledge the closing of County Offices on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in observance of the Veteran's Day Holiday pursuant to MS Code Section 3-3-7.
8. Acknowledge and approve Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Forrest County Solid Waste Management Plan.
9. Acknowledge and approve bid for the Chip Seal Project in the total amount of \$199,827.32. (Tar- \$124,606.09 and Lime Stone- \$75,161.23)
10. Acknowledge and approve Purchase Order for Magnet Forensics October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 for the total amount of \$4,620.00 from Fund 123 for the FCSO.

11. Acknowledge and approve John Tryner to purchase his duty weapon: Glock Model 47, Serial Number CAMD690. John's last day was September 19, 2025.
12. Acknowledge fully executed Lease Agreement between the Forrest County Board of Supervisors and U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency for use of the first floor of property located at S. 28th Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS.
13. Acknowledge FY25 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds Award Notification and Grant Orientation Meeting.
14. Acknowledge payment to MS POWER COMPANY- Birmingham in the total amount of \$4,005.09, Check No. 72919.
15. Acknowledge payment to MS POWER COMPANY- Birmingham in the total amount of \$52,564.97, Check No. 72918. (See attached)
16. Acknowledge payment to RICHIE'S COLLISION CENTER in the amount of \$3,893.99, Check No. 72921.
17. Acknowledge payment to RICHIE'S COLLISION CENTER in the amount of \$10,796.01, Check No. 72922.
18. Acknowledge payment from SA Recycling in the amount of \$424.05 for Road & Bridge.
19. Acknowledge and approve replacement of the current firewall at the FCSO. The current firewall is up for renewal and will not properly support the entire system. (See attached quotes.)
20. Acknowledge removal of Katie Byrd as an Assistant Receiving Clerk and add Jeff Yelverton for the FCSO.

D. 16th Section Leases

1. Acknowledge 16th Section Commercial Lease Agreement between Hattiesburg School District and Southwest Rental & Investments, LLC, PPIN 15196, with an annual rent of \$2,646.00. Authorize Board President to execute.

E. Tax Assessor

1. Authorize and approve request for refund for 2023 and 2024 taxes to Mariner Finance, located in Lamar County. They are due \$1,301.60 for 2022 and \$1,142.75 for 2023 for entering the business as Forrest County in error.

2. Authorize and approve request to cancel tax sale for 2024 for Richard W. Johnson due to him applying for Special DAV Homestead Exemption. Authorize the Chancery Clerk to cancel said sale and refund purchaser.
3. Approve Petition for Reduction of Assessment for PPIN 21177, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.
4. Approve Petition for Reduction of Assessment for PPIN 27372, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.
5. Authorize and approve request for expenses to be paid from budget for Landon Andrews, Property Appraiser. He is receiving his AE1 certification at the Mississippi Assessors and Collectors Fall Conference.

F. Tax Collector

1. Acknowledge letter from the Tax Collector's Office with a total list of delinquent Mobile Home taxes with Penalties, 760 for \$81,641.29 and Personal Property taxes, 459 for \$1,153,708.38. These accounts have been turned over to American Financial Credit Services, Inc. for collection, as submitted by Tax Collector, Zac Howell.

G. Travel

1. Approve payment to South Beach Biloxi Hotel & Suites in the amount of \$880.00 for Angela Davis and Emily Compton to attend the Collector of Revenue II certification course from October 13th -17th. All other travel related expenses will be submitted upon return.
2. Acknowledge and approve Sheriff Charlie Sims to attend the 2025 Sheriff's Winter Conference at the Golden Nugget on December 1-5, 2025 and all costs associated with room and meals. Estimated cost of the room is \$381.52.

H. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Pine Burr Area Scouting to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
2. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Blue Line Legacy, 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 RISE to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3
4. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to 2025 GHHBA Sporting Clay Shoot to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3
5. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Scott Berry Classic to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
6. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Beta Chi Sigma Alumnae Chapter to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
7. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Hattiesburg/Pine Belt Area Alcorn Alumnae Chapter to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
8. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Petal Middle School "SPARK" Show Choir to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

I. Payables

1. Authorize and approve request to reimburse the Dixie Community Association in the total amount of their remaining \$98,717.82 ARPA obligation per the ARPA sub-recipient agreement. This will close the ARPA obligation to Dixie Community Utility Association.
2. Approve and authorize payment of monthly, quarterly, and annual Budgeted Allocations as presented. (See attached list)
3. Approve payment to MS Department of Revenue in the amount of \$16.00 for Undercover Government tag for a 2024 RAM 1500. VIN No. 1C6RR7XT9RS149666.
4. Authorize Disbursement in the amount of \$500,000.00 to Forrest Lamar Alliance per the request of the Forrest Lamar Alliance Board. The funds will be disbursed from the 2025 FLA Capital Projects Bond proceeds.
5. Authorize and approve payment to Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts for outstanding invoices from 2021. (1) 11/4/21, PO 149483 for \$129.12 (2) 11/9/21, PO 149508 for \$143.73 and (3) 11/16/21, PO 149560 for \$158.89. See attached.

6. Authorize and approve payment for Annual 16th Section Lease payments for FY 26 to the Forrest County School District in the total amount of \$18,047.52. See attached, detailed listing.

7. Approve payment to in the amount of \$80 for eight **(8)** Title Applications for the Tax Collector's Office, **2021 Dodge Chargers; (1)** VIN MH551372. **(2)** VIN MH540206. **(3)** VIN MH540205. **(4)** MH544245. **(5)** VIN MH540203 **AND 2021 Dodge Ram 1500s; (6)** VIN MS595358. **(7)** VIN MS561524. **(8)** VIN MS595375.

8. Approve payment to SpyGlass in the amount of \$1,241.28 for cost reduction services for the month of September.

9. Approve payment to Clayton Polygraph Services for Invoice No. 2025003 in the amount of \$250.00.

10. Approve payment to Integrity Surveillance Group for Invoice No. 18689 in the amount of \$499.00 for yearly renewal of GPS trackers.

11. Approve payment to NEOGOV for Invoice No. INV-142949 in the amount of \$12,401.92 for professional services for the FCSO.

12. Approve payment to Dynamic Police Training for Invoice No. 8551-919-25 in the amount of \$485.00 for training class for DeReginald Williamson.

13. Approve payment to Cadence Bank in the amount of \$424.87 for the credit card statement for the FCSO.

14. Approve payment to pay CJ Morgan in the amount of \$30,000.00 for PO No. 150189. See attached; Invoice, the invoice they paid to J.H. Wright for the pump, a copy of Forrest County's PO and the original proposal.

J. Capital Outlay Expenditures

K. Inventory

1. Acknowledge the Physical Inventory of Assets- Fixed Asset Disposition Listing 10/1/2024 thru 9/30/2025, as submitted by Deann Clay, Inventory Clerk.

2. Acknowledge and approve permission to remove the attached list of items from Inventory, as submitted by Deann Clay, Inventory Clerk.

L. Personnel Action with Additions

New Hire:

1. **Landon Mixon (FCSO)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 9/8/2025
2. **Elizabeth Lucas (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 9/22/2025
3. **Steven Adamson (Felony Public Defender)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025
4. **Kenneth Bailey (Firefighter)**
 - Part-time with incentives
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
5. **Cody Barber (Firefighter)**
 - Part-time with incentives
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
6. **Brennan Fielder (Firefighter)**
 - Part-time with incentives
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
7. **Cedric Knott (Firefighter)**
 - Part-time with incentives
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
8. **Zadrenod Rhodes (Firefighter)**
 - Part-time with incentives
 - Effective Date: 10/1/202
9. **Jonathon Walley (Firefighter)**
 - Part-time with incentives
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
10. **Alex Wigley (Firefighter)**
 - Part-time with incentives
 - Effective Date: 10-1-2025
11. **William Loveless (Maintenance)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025

12. **Marcus Gholar (Maintenance)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025
13. **Heath Bland (Maintenance)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025
14. **Braxton C. Clark (Veterans Office)**
 - Part-time without benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025
15. **Walter Struthers (FCSO-Bailiff)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025
16. **Marcol Smith (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025

Separation of Service:

1. **Veronica Body (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Misconduct
 - Effective Date: 9/11/2025
2. **Rosheda Rodriguez (Adult Detention Center)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective 9/17/2025
3. **Jessica Malone, Felony Public Defender)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective 10/18/2025
4. **Greg Lee (Maintenance)**
 - Voluntary Resignation
 - Effective Date: 9/19/2025
5. **Aaron Herrington (The Center/OPS)**
 - Misconduct
 - Effective Date: 9/25/2025

Change:

1. **Rodney Anders (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
2. **William Bullock (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
3. **T J Burkhalter (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
4. **Denzel Expose (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
5. **Corey Franklin (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
6. **Rosa Gerald (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
7. **Adam Loveless (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
8. **Richard Steele (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
9. **Bobby Wells (Fire-COLA)**
 - Rate Change
 - With Incentive Raises
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025

10. **Landon Andrews (Tax Assessor)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
11. **Amanda Barrentine (Tax Assessor)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
12. **Travis Clark (Tax Assessor)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
13. **Danny Frank (Tax Assessor)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
14. **Leah Simmons (Tax Assessor)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
15. **James Keenum (Adult Detention)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 9/22/2025
16. **Beth Shaw (Adult Detention)**
 - Rate Change
 - Replacing Booking Spot
 - Effective Date: 9/22/20025
17. **Jessica Wilson (Adult Detention)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 9/22/2025
18. **Robert Walker (Road & Bridge)**
 - Promotion/Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025
19. **Scott Williamson (Maintenance)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025

Other:

1. **Rochelle Campbell (Purchase Clerk)**
 - Return from FMLA
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025

M. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

End Of Consent Agenda

N. Discussion Matters

1. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$1,910.00 for Invoice No. 26365 for professional services for Old Highway 49 East.
2. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$2,800.00 for Invoice No. 26366 for professional services for drainage issues on Eatonville Road.
3. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$31,281.00 for Invoice No. 26367 for professional services for Classic Drive Use Path Hotel Extension.
4. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$6,732 for Invoice No. 26368 for professional services for Country Club Road Shared Use Path.
5. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$585.00 for Invoice No. 26369 for professional services for Glendale Avenue Bridge Grant Proposal.
6. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$1,170.00 for Invoice No. 26370 for professional services for Brooklyn Bridge Park.
7. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$9,119.41 for Invoice No. 26371 for professional services for Classic Drive Sidewalk.
8. Acknowledge and approve payment to PARK RIGHT STRIPING, LLC in the amount of \$7,932.96 for additional striping to Rawls Springs Road to make the lines double yellow.
9. Acknowledge and approve the County Road Department to participate in the BECAP Program at an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 made payable to APHIS.
10. Authorize the County to enter into an agreement with MCC Mississippi for mailing machine for local service and supplies at a cheaper rate than Pitney Bowes.
11. Authorize County Planner to file formal charges against the owner of The Campgrounds at Black Creek for violating permit regulations.
12. Approve quotes for Circuit and Justice Court buildings to be painted.

O. Additional Matters

1. Acknowledge Emergency PO due to flooding in the Circuit Court building after hours for ServePro of Laurel to clean up the water to prevent mold, loss of wood and carpet.

P. Taken Under Advisement

Recess until 10:00 am Monday, October 20, 2025