

**Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors**

Date: Monday, October 20, 2025

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**

Approve Consent Agenda Items A-L

Motion: Stringer Second: Woullard 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. The Multipurpose Center Report, as submitted by Jeremiah Branch, Director.
2. The Meal Log, as submitted for Juvenile Detention (769)
3. Veteran's Report, as submitted by Gerald Britt, Forrest County Veterans Service Officer.
4. The Tax Collector's Surrendered Tag List, as submitted by Zac Howell, Tax Collector.

C. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge ORDER AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED PUBLIC DEFENDER, for Justin B. Stewart, pursuant to Order by Chancellor T. Michael Reed.
2. Acknowledge ORDER APPOINTING COUNTY PROBATE ADMINISTRATOR, Honorable Christopher Howdeshell, pursuant to Order by Chancellor Rhea Sheldon.

3. Acknowledge the APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IN LUNACY COMMITMENTS, Lindsay Carter, pursuant to Order by Chancellor Rhea Sheldon.
4. Acknowledge the APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL DEFENDER IN THE MATTERS OF LUNACY COMMITMENTS, Elizabeth Porter, Esquire, pursuant to Order by Chancellor Rhea Sheldon.
5. Acknowledge Report, in compliance with Section 25-31-10.1 and 25-31-5(4) of the Mississippi Code, no supplemental salaries were paid during the last fiscal year, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, as submitted by Lin Carter, District Attorney.
6. Acknowledge payment to PEARL COMM FIBER in the total amount of \$314.85; Dixie Barn (\$104.95), Brooklyn Barn (\$104.95), and McLaurin Pole (\$104.95), Check No. 73076
7. Acknowledge payment to PEARL COMM FIBER in the total amount of \$104.95 for FEMA SHELTER, Check No. 73078.
8. Acknowledge payment to PEARL COMM FIBER in the total amount of \$269.85; Carnes VFD (\$59.95), Churchwell Rd (\$104.95), and Arena Drive Detention Center (\$104.95), Check No. 73077.
9. Acknowledge payment to HOSTWAY SERVICES, INC. in the total amount of \$758.08, Invoice No. 16340276 for mail services.
10. Acknowledge and approve request the Revised Recreation Fund Budgets (Dept 511-515) for FY2026 based on the rollover amounts for each department and their FY26 allocations submitted by Stephen May, Comptroller. (See Attached)
11. Acknowledge and approve the Revised Fire Dept. Levy and Rebate Fund (106 & 118 funds) for FY2026 based on the rollover amounts for each department and their FY26 allocations.
12. Acknowledge and Ratify Community Center refunds for September 1st - 30th, 2025. (See Attachment)
13. Acknowledge that Kendall Evans be bonded to become the Receiving Clerk for the Forrest County Coroner's office.
14. Acknowledge bids were opened on October 9, 2025 for Energy Services.
15. Acknowledge and approve publication for Commercial Dumpsters.

D. Tax Assessor

1. Authorize and approve request to cancel the 2024 tax receipt for Pin No. 8164, Mariner Finance due to being Lamar County and authorize the Tax Collector to void said receipt, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.
2. Authorize Tax Collector to remove 10% penalty for Zeon Chemicals.

E. Travel

1. Approve Kyle Mims, Road Manager and Supervisor Steve Stringer to attend the National Hurricane Conference March 30, 2026- April 2, 2026 in Orlando, Fl. Registration amount is \$325 each person plus hotel stay.
2. Authorize and approve David Ward to attend training to On Scene Accident Homicide Investigation – Level III from 10/27/25 through 11/06/2025 in Pearl, MS. The cost of training will be \$1,500 made payable to MLEOTA. Cost includes hotel room and meals at MLEOTA.
3. Authorize and approve David Ward and Allan Crocker to attend PREA Investigator Training for Allegations of Inmate Sexual Abuse from 10/28/2025 through 10/29/205 in Scott, LA. Cost of the class is \$650 and estimated cost of the hotel stay is \$403.54.
4. Authorize and approve Nine (9) Officers to attend the Columbia Law Enforcement Training Academy from 11/3/2025 through 11/21/2025. The cost of the training is \$800 each for a total of \$7,200.; Nicholas Watson, TeReneisha Ridge, Frederick Smith, Jason Young, Beth Shaw, Carey Gibson, Johnathan Davis, Orlando Sellers and Sameka Jackson.

F. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Brooklyn FFA Chapter to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.
2. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Twin Forks Community Development Chapter to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3.

G. Payables

1. Authorize and approve request to renew Membership to IEDC for John C. Proctor, in the amount of \$385.00.
2. Authorize and approve reimbursement to Brooklyn Utility Sewer Association in the amount of \$53,268.15 from their ARPA sub-recipient agreement. (See Attachment)
3. Authorize and approve request to refund Marian Sue Boutwell, the amount of \$129.68 for patent 100193, which was voided and sent to the County by the Secretary of State's Office, 001-000-209.
4. Authorize payment to Cadence Bank in the total amount of \$2,330.09 for the Credit Card Statement; Roderick Woullard (\$2229.30) and Jennifer Slade (\$100.79).
5. Authorize payment to Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing/Property Agents in the amount of \$200.00 for DeAnn Clay registration for the 2025 MAGPPA Annual conference & Vendor Expo.
6. Authorize Barracuda backup appliance renewal, including support/maintenance and offsite cloud storage for the Chancery and supporting buildings' user data. Make check payable to Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$4,260.00, as submitted by Brian Howard, IT Director.
7. Authorize request to transfer the amount of \$120,138.00 from the General Fund (001) to the Multipurpose Center Fund (405) to close out the year and all associated expenditures and approve the associated budget amendments to 405-000-387 and 001-900-951.
8. Authorize payment to Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$1,544.00 to set up the network for the Coroner's Office.
9. Authorize payment to Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$1,543.00 to set up a network for the Annex building on Richburg Road.
10. Authorize reimbursement to Breakthrough Community Services in the amount of \$5,050.00 from their ARPA obligation per the ARPA sub-recipient agreement.
11. Authorize payment to Linev Systems US, Inc. in the amount of \$15,050.00 for a one (1) year warranty for the Forrest County Jail's body scanner.
12. Authorize payment to Clayton Polygraph Services in the amount of \$250.00 for the FCSO.

13. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$1,575 for Project No. FC-098, Invoice No. 26430.
14. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$6,523.97 for Project No. FC-16-231.001, Invoice No. 26431 for Classic Drive Sidewalk.
15. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$1,750.00 for Project No. FC21-263C, Invoice No. 26432 for Old Highway 49 East.
16. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$2,879.73 for Project No. FC23-289, Invoice No. 26433 for Glendale Avenue Boat Ramp.
17. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$20,583.00 for Project No. FC24-297, Invoice No. 26434 for Classic Drive Shared Use Path Hotel Extension.
18. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$13,464.00 for Project No. FC24-298, Invoice No. 26435 for Country Club Road Shared Use Path.
19. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$21,465.00 for Project No. FC24-299, Invoice No. 26436 for Earl Travillion School Sidewalk.
20. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$155.00 for Glendale Community Center Drainage.
21. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$1,007.50 for Project No. FC25-304, Invoice No. 26438 for Lynn Cartilidge Lake 2025 Owner Inspection.
22. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$365.00 for Project No. FC25-307, Invoice No. 26439 for Dixie Community Center Walking Track Improvements.
23. Approve payment to SDW in the amount of \$1,443.07 for Project No. LSBP-18(20), Invoice No. 26440 for Suggs Road.

H. Capital Outlay Expenditures

1. **Dell, Inc.** Sheriff's Office to purchase a desktop computer in the amount of \$1048.42.
2. **Dell, Inc.** Prosecuting Attorney to purchase a laptop computer in the amount of \$1102.92.
3. **Delta Fire & Safety Fire Coordinator** to purchase firefighting gear on MS State Contract in the amount of \$44,061.50.
4. **Mingledorff's Maintenance** to purchase an a/c unit for the Brooklyn Fire Station in the amount of \$4,554.78.

I. Financial Documents

1. Approve Financial Documents as presented.

J. FY25 Final Amended Budget

1. Approve FY25 final amended budget as presented.

K. Personnel Action

New Hire:

1. **D. Austen Silkman (Asst. Public Defender)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/20/2025
2. **Steve Hill (Maintenance)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/21/2025
3. **Warnke Madison (Adult Jail)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025
4. **Dakohtah Hedgepath (FCSO)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025
5. **Jeremy Collins (County Wide)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 10/20/2025

Separation of Service:

1. **Cody Barber (Firefighter)**
 - Didn't accept job offer
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
2. **Michael Hutchinson (Adult Detention Center)**
 - No Call/No Show
 - Effective 9/19/2025

3. **Marcus Gholar (Maintenance)**

- Didn't accept job offer
- Effective 10/7/2025

4. **Adam Loveless (Firefighter)**

- Voluntary Resignation
- Effective Date: 10/31/2025

Change:

1. **Daniel Benoit (FCSO)**

- Promotion
- Effective Date: 10/6/2025

2. **Robyn Day (Court Admin)**

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

3. **Sarah Hoda (Court Admin)**

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

4. **Ashley Lee (Court Reporter)**

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

5. **Laken Richards (Intake Officer)**

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

6. **Paulette Wallace (Court Admin)**

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

7. **Wesley Michael Harris (FCSO)**

- Rate Change/Promotion
- Effective Date: 10/13/2025

8. **Timeka Hudson (FCSO)**

- Rate Change/Promotion
- Effective Date: 10/13/2025

9. **James Thomas Shepherd (FCSO)**

- Rate Change
- Effective Date: 10/13/2025

10. **Matthew Shepherd (FCSO)**
 - Rate Change/Promotion
 - Effective Date: 10/13/2025
11. **Shawntay Woods (Tax Collector)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/20/2025
12. **Melissa Kiser (County Prosecutor)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
13. **Monica Stanberry (County Prosecutor)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/1/2025
14. **Reginald Poole (Juvenile)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/13/2025
15. **Jeffrey Yelverton (FCSO)**
 - Rate Change
 - Effective Date: 10/13/2025
16. **Robert Walker (County Wide)**
 - From Part-time to Full-time
 - Effective Date: 10/6/2025

Other:

1. **Jacob Hiatt (Narcotics/CID)**
 - From 2184 to 2080
 - Effective Date: 10/13/2025

L. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

End Of Consent Agenda

M. Discussion Matters

1. Approve payment to Southern Pine Animal Shelter in the total amount of \$5,000 for contract services for the months of Oct., Nov. and December of 2024.

N. Additional Matters

1. Approve the Emergency Purchase of dryers for the Adult Detention Center (Jail) in the amount of \$38,666 (lower quote), per the request of Sheriff Sims.
2. Authorize Board President to execute Homeland Security Grant for metal detectors.
3. Authorize publication for Sound System, Replacement of Door Units, Electrical, and ADA Accessible ramp for the Multi - Purpose Center. MW
4. Make Check payable to MS DOR in the amount of \$29.50 for tag renewals for DA's Office:
2022 GMC Terrian VIN 3GKALMEV2NL278047 and 2025 GMC Terrain VIN 3GKALVEG7RL384572.
5. Recess to Monday, November 3, 2025

Recess until 10:00 am Monday, November 3, 2025