



Agenda of the
Forrest County Board of Supervisors

Date: Monday, January 5, 2026

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Forum (5 minutes)**
 1. Kaitlyn Slade- Forrest County Junior Livestock Association
- **Approve December 2025 Minutes**

Amend and Approve Consent Agenda Items A-N

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. Appoint and employ the Forrest County Board Attorney, per Section 19-3-47, at the current salary.

C. Monthly Department Reports- November 2025

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

D. Acknowledgements

1. Acknowledge payment to PEARL COMM FIBER in the amount of \$104.95, Check No. 74374, Invoice No. DEC 1-31 for FEMA Shelter.
2. Acknowledge payment to PEARL COMM FIBER in the total amount of 269.85, Check No. 74371, Claim No 1140; Carnes VFD, \$59.95; Churchwell Rd., \$104.95 and 55 Arena Dr. Detention Center, \$104.95.
3. Acknowledge PEARL COMM FIBER in the total amount of \$314.85, Check No. 74373, Claim No 120; Dixie Barn \$104.95; Brooklyn Barn, \$104.95; McLaurin Pole, \$104.95.
4. Acknowledge and approve quote from IBM/Maintenance Renewal Quote for IBM 9009-41A Server for Maintenance on the Server that runs the Delta Software in the amount of \$3,585.00 for one (1) year to expire on January 28, 2026.
5. Acknowledge request for the front lobby windows to feature rotating monthly displays created by local nonprofits, youth organizations, civic groups, and community partners.
6. Acknowledge Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority Audited Financial Statements for September 30, 2025 and 2024.
7. Acknowledge and approve permission to remove the attached list of Inventory as submitted, by Deann Clay, Inventory Clerk.
8. Acknowledge fully executed ESCO Contract with Upchurch.
9. Acknowledge and authorize County Offices to be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr per Section 3-3-7, Miss Code of 1972; and consider rescheduling the Forrest County Board of Supervisors meeting set for Monday, January 19, 2026 to Tuesday, January 20, 2026, due to the holiday closing.
10. Acknowledge and approve quote for a Barracuda backup storage space upgrade.
11. Acknowledge payment to DISH NETWORK, LLC in the amount of \$450.19, Check No. 74613, Invoice No. 335007568 for the Jail.
12. Acknowledge checks from CCMSI in the total amount of \$17,064.94. (\$11,839.17 for 2020 Ford Explorer and \$5,225.77 for gate at the jail).
13. Acknowledge the expiration of Richard Barnett's appointment to the North Forrest Fire Protection District January 1, 2026; Consider reappointment.

14. Acknowledge and approve request to purchase Adobe PhotoShop for Samantha Phillips, Communications Director. The cost for an annual subscription is \$263.88
15. Acknowledge payment to HOSTWAY SERVICES, INC in the amount of \$798.08, Invoice No. 16645205, Check No. 74619.
16. Acknowledge payment to GREAT RIVER UOC, LLC in the amount of \$1,483.16 for Camp Dantzler, Invoice No, 447754-0, Check No. 74620.
17. Acknowledge and approve the Clover SaaS fees for the month of January totaling \$99.69.

E. 16th Section Leases

1. Acknowledge 16th Section Residential Lease Agreement between Petal Municipal School District and Shannon Smith, PPIN 002266, with an annual rent of \$1,561.56. Authorize Board President to execute.

F. Tax Assessor

1. Authorize and approve PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT for PPINs 37437, 19785, 5248, 3006,40435, and 7813 for the year of 2025, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor. (See attached list for reasons on each PPIN).
2. Authorize and approve NOTICE TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY for PPIN 37715 for the year of 2025, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor. Condition was increased.
3. Authorize and approve NOTICE TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY for PPIN 6426 for the year of 2025, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor. Condition was increased.
4. Authorize and approve NOTICE TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY for PPIN 9063 for the year of 2025, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor. Erroneous Assessment
5. Authorize and approve PETITION FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT for PPINs 1126, 3647, 7576, 7370,7578, and 8731 for the year of 2025, as submitted by Mary Ann Palmer, Tax Assessor.

6. Authorize and approve request to cancel the tax sale on PPIN 41812 for 2024 and refund the purchaser and void the receipt for 2025. The other PPIN is 6343 and the receipt should be void for 2025. All of these properties have been classified as tax exempt for 2026. This is on behalf of William Carey University.

G. Tax Collector

1. Authorize and approve the Tax Collector to cancel the 2025 tax sale for PPIN 36156 and PPIN 503 and allow the Tax Collector to refund the purchaser. There was a collection error at the time of payment last year.

2. Authorize cancellation of PPIN 20574 for the year 2023 taxes. 2023 taxes sold to the State of MS and no refund is due.

3. Authorize cancellation of PPIN 5701 for the year 2024 taxes. This property is 16th section land and was reverted back the Forrest County School District on 11/24/2025 in Bk 1487 Pg 316. 2024 taxes sold to the State of MS and no refund is due.

4. Authorize cancellation of PPIN 32096 for the year 2023 and 2024 taxes. This property is 16th section land and was reverted back the Forrest County School District on 11/24/2025 in Bk 1487 Pg 317. 2024 taxes sold to the State of MS and no refund is due.

H. Travel

1. Authorize and approve travel to Delta Computer Systems in Biloxi, MS on Thursday, January 8, 2026 to meet for a demo of the Justice Court Software JCM6, an upgrade with new features. Please allow for applicable travel expenses.

I. Coroner's Office

1. Authorize the burial/cremation of the unclaimed body of Henry Noel Eason III, pursuant to Order, and letter from Coroner Lisa Klem, and pay Moore Funeral Home in the amount of \$500.00.

2. Authorize the burial/cremation of the unclaimed body of Harriet Howe, pursuant to Order, and letter from Coroner Lisa Klem, and pay Forrest Funeral Home in the amount of \$500.00.

J. Sponsorships/Advertisements

1. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Mississippi Pinnacle Awards to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3. This event fulfills the mission of Sales & Marketing professionals to bring together current practitioners and inspire the next generation.
2. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Distinguished Young Women to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3. This program thrives on awarding college scholarships to the participants.
3. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to Signature Magazine to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3. We are here to inform, connect, and celebrate our community.
4. Consider the purchase of a sponsorship/advertisement to the Petal High School Competition Dance Team to advertise county resources as per Mississippi Code §17-3-1 and §17-3-3. This will allow the team to represent Petal, MS in Orlando in January, 2026.

K. Payables

1. Authorize and approve reimbursement to Carnes Utility Association the remaining \$76,903.00 from their ARPA obligation per the ARPA sub-recipient agreement. (See attached paid invoices).

L. Capital Outlay Expenditures

1. **Lewis Printing** BOS to purchase a storage unit (\$1,699.00), lateral file (\$1,099.00) for the Planning Office in the total amount of \$3,083.00 (includes \$285.00 freight).

M. Personnel Action

New Hire:

1. **Dekequa Simmons (Adult Detention)**
 - Full-time with benefits
 - Effective Date: 12/14/2025

2. Johnny Jackson (Firefighter)

- Part-time without benefits
- Effective Date: 12/22/2025

3. Brooke Ladner (County/Youth Court)

- Full-time with benefits
- Effective Date: 1/5/2026

4. Conner Colin (FCSO)

- Full-time with benefits
- Effective Date: 12/22/2025

Separation of Service:

Change:

1. Joseph Corley (FCSO-Jail)

- Rate Change
- Effective Date: 12/29/2025

2. Ronald Roberts (Adult Detention)

- Rate Change
- Effective Date: 12/29/2025

3. Steven Smith (FCSO-Deputy)

- Promotion/Rate Change
- Effective Date: 12/29/2025

4. Jerry Stansell (SGT Transport)

- Promotion/Rate Change
- Effective Date: 12/29/2025

Other:

1. Craig Morris (County Wide)

- Return from FMLA
- Effective Date: 12/7/2025

2. James Morris (9264)

- Return from FMLA
- Effective Date: 12/7/2025

3. **Lorcese Mackey (FCSO-Jail)**
 - Going from 2080 to 2184
 - Effective Date: 12/1/2025
4. **Forrest Swilley (County Wide)**
 - Family Medical Leave
 - Effective Date: 12/15/2025
5. **Wendy Lampton (Finance)**
 - Return from FMLA
 - Effective Date: 12/19/2025
6. **Jessica Savoy (Justice Court)**
 - Return from FMLA
 - Effective Date: 01-5-2025
7. **Anthony Barnett (FCSO)**
 - From 2080 to 2184
 - Effective Date: 1/12/2026
8. **Richard Forte, Jr. (Adult Detention)**
 - From 2080-2184
 - Effective Date : 1/12/2026

N. Claims Docket

1. Approve Claims Docket, as presented.

End Of Consent Agenda

O. Discussion Matters

1. Acknowledge Commercial Dumpster Bids were opened on December 12, 2025.

P. Additional Matters

1. Acknowledge ORDER OF DISPOSITION for forfeiture of property in the total amount of \$1,122.00 as follows: Forrest County Sheriff's Department, \$785.40; Forrest County Asset Forfeiture Officer, \$112.20; Forrest County District Attorney's Office, \$224.40.
2. Approve payment to Mississippi Power Co. in the amount of \$1,167.87, PO No. 16528, for work completed at the retention pond at Glendale Community Center.
3. Approve payroll payment to Tina Denise Mixon in the amount of \$576.00 for contract employee at Multi -Purpose Center.
4. Approve payment to Tax Collector's Office in the amount of \$40.00 for four title applications for leased vehicles purchased for the FCSO. 2021 Dodge Charger, VIN 0790; 2022 Ford F150, VIN 0697; 2021 Dodge Charger, VIN 5763; and 2021 Dodge Ram, VIN 3747.
5. Motion made by Supervisor Woullard to establish the need to enter into Executive Session.
6. Motion made by Supervisor Stringer, Seconded by Supervisor Woullard, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters with Justice Court.
7. Motion made by Supervisor Mordica, Seconded by Supervisor Woullard to exit Executive Session.
8. Motion made by Supervisor Mordica to establish the need to enter into Executive Session
9. Motion made by Supervisor Stringer, Seconded by Supervisor Woullard, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential lease for sale property.
10. Motion made by Supervisor Thompson, Seconded by Supervisor Stringer, to exit Executive Session.
11. Recess to January 20, 2025.

Recess until 10:00 am Tuesday, January 20, 2026