

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

Pursuant to recess the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors resumed its regular January meeting at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at the Raymond P. Davis County Annex Building in Meridian, Mississippi, with the following members present: Mr. Ray Boswell, President of the Board and Supervisor of District Five, Mr. Hank Florey, Supervisor of District One, Mr. Wayman Newell, Supervisor of District Two, Mr. Craig Hitt, Supervisor of District Three, and Mr. Joe Norwood, Supervisor of District Four.

Also present were Ms. Carolyn Mooney, Chancery Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Tony Green, County Administrator, and Mr. Rick Barry, Board Attorney.

Mr. Ray Boswell, Board President, called this recessed January, 2008 meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Prayer was offered by Supervisor Craig Hitt.

All persons in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the "Agenda" to even date, with amendments as follows, was passed unanimously.

RECESSED BOARD MEETING AGENDA
LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

1. Prayer given by Supervisor Craig Hitt.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Approval of Agenda for even date.
4. Phillip Frazier – Training Matter.
5. Tony Green –
 - a. Designation of person to sign FEMA applications for the purpose of obtaining and administering certain federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act.
 - b. Need approval to purchase Fax machine for Agri-Center in the amount of \$399..00.
 - c. Need approval to submit ad in the Mississippi Supervisor Magazine. Deadline is January 31, 2008. One-fourth page ad will be \$100.00.
6. Other matters for general good and welfare.
7. Actions from Supervisors.
8. Executive session, if needed. (see agenda for Executive session).
9. Adjourn until Monday, February 4, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this January 30, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve a request presented by Phillip Frazier of the Sheriff's Department, to send Agent Joe White to attend a canine handling certification starting February 11 – March 6, 2008. Tuition is \$2,500; per diem is \$620; and, Lodging is \$1,035.12. Cost for this training will be paid out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this January 30,, 2008.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Tony Green, County Administrator, a motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve Wanda Bouldin, to sign FEMA applications for the purpose of obtaining and administering certain financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act in the absence of a County Administrator, was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this January 30, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the purchase of a Fax machine for the Agri-Center in the amount of \$399.00, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this January 30, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve a full page black and white ad in the Mississippi Supervisor Magazine, with a cost of \$300.00; and to have Tourism Director, Suzy Johnson, to go over the ad for improvements, was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this January 30, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Joe Norwood to attend the Drop-Out Prevention Conference in

Jackson on February 26, 27, & 28, 2008, which will include a two night stay, and for Craig Hitt to attend the work session on February 28, 2008, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this January 30, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to move the Board of Supervisors' work session from Thursday, February 28, 2008 to Friday, February 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this January 30, 2008.

Mr. Gary Turberville spoke to the Board of Supervisors to request their support in the recycling of aluminum cans. Proceeds from the sales of these cans will go to help less fortunate children and households. He was asking that the county barns and fire departments be utilized as drop off points for these cans.

Supervisor Craig Hitt requested that the following letter be included in today's minutes.

To the following department heads and your employees: Juvenile Center, Radio Shop, Permit Office, Circuit Clerk, District Attorney's Office, Tax Assessor, Election Commission, Data Processing, and LEMA:

Please accept my apology for a vote I cast on Tuesday, January 29th at our board meeting. A vote was taken or so I thought to purchase a list of equipment that was presented to the board in the work session on Friday the 18th. At that time a power point presentation was made that included the entire request for computers, printers, and such. These items were removed from the 2008 budget proposals at the board's request and you were told that we would consider them at a later date. The proposal included an option to lease purchase the items

with the first payment due one year from delivery as well as a special price and set up on the computers because of the volume we were looking at. I left the work session hearing no objections to the list.

On Tuesday when the vote was called for, I had no reason to think that the list had been changed. On Wednesday I received a call telling me that a department's request was not approved. As I began asking questions I was told that 3 board members met on Tuesday afternoon and cut a considerable amount of the request out. I have also been told that at least one county employee was told not to inform any one of the changes.

I know now that I should have taken a closer look at what was in the packet before the meeting, but again we had several issues to vote on and I had heard no comments on this one. I assure you that in the future I will be not take anything for granted.

Again please accept my apology for my yes vote that left you and your fellow workers without proper equipment to work with.

Craig Hitt

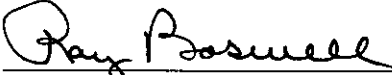
A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve a request for citizens of Lauderdale County to voluntarily wear red on Fridays until the war in Iraq has ended, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this January 30, 2008.

The Board of Supervisors, immediately thereafter, with no business intervening, considered the necessity for an executive session, and a motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to resolve the Board of Supervisors into Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters and anticipated litigation, was passed on the following vote. Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Wayman Newell voted aye; Supervisor Craig Hitt voted aye; Supervisor Joe Norwood voted aye; and, Supervisor Ray Boswell voted aye. With no further business to discuss, a motion by

Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey to come out of executive session, was passed unanimously.

The Board will recess until Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 11:00 A.M.


Ray Boswell, President