

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors began and held its regular February meeting at 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 4, 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, 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. Neal Carson, County Engineer/Road Manager, and Mr. Rick Barry, Board Attorney.

Sheriff Billy Sollie called the February 2008 meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Dennis Marks.

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

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

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008 – 9AM

1. Sheriff Billy Sollie will call the February 4, 2008 meeting to order.
2. Prayer given by Rev. Gary Bickford, Agape Fellowship Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
 4. Approval of Agenda for even date.
 5. Approval of minutes dated 1-7-08 and 1-22-08.
 6. Proclamation: None
 7. Jimmy Slay, Tax Assessor:
 - A) Petitions for reduction and/or change of assessment.
 - B) Other matters for general good and welfare.
 - C) Bid specifications for Maintenance/Upgrade of Appraisal Data.
 8. Jeremy Campbell, Marketing Manager.
 9. Maurice Kahlmus, Weems Mental Health to present budget.
 10. Staff Reports:
 11. Other matters for general good and welfare.
 12. Actions from Supervisors.
 13. Executive session, if needed.
 14. Recess until Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.
- (See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the minutes dated January 7, 2008 and January 22, 2008, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

Upon the recommendation of Jimmy Slay, Lauderdale County Tax Assessor, a motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to adopt the

following petitions for reduction and/or change of assessment and notices to increase the assessment of real/personal property, for the reasons set forth and as further described on attachments hereto, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

Upon the recommendation of Jimmy Slay, Lauderdale County Tax Assessor, a motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to advertise for bids per specifications for Maintenance/Update of Appraisal Data, was passed by a vote of four (4) to one (1). Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Wayman Newell voted aye; Supervisor Joe Norwood voted aye; Supervisor Ray Boswell voted aye; and, Supervisor Craig Hitt voted nay.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request by Suzy Johnson, Tourism Director, to hire Linda Warren as a temporary receptionist to work while Janice Mitchell is on leave, at a rate of \$8.50 per hour, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request that Suzy Johnson, Tourism Director, and Jeremy Campbell, Tourism

Marketing Director, to attend the Governor's Conference in Jackson, MS February 17th – 20th, 2008 (money is in budget), was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the ad with changes presented at the meeting by Jeremy Campbell, Tourism Marketing Director, for the Mississippi Supervisor Magazine, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

Mr. Maurice Kahlmus, of Weems Mental Health, presented their 2008 budget to the Board of Supervisors.

Chancery Clerk Carolyn Mooney submitted for inclusion in minutes the public notice, as posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Raymond P. Davis County Annex Building, advising of the date and time of this meeting, pursuant to Section 25-41-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the claims docket for February, 2008; and to authorize the Chancery Clerk to issue warrants therefore, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the following Oaths of Office, was passed unanimously.

- A) Judith Smith, Deputy Tax Assessor
- B) Bryan DuPont, Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff
- C) Jeremy Dale Woodard, Detention Officer

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request for a Pauper Burial for Michael Marcoon, who died in Lauderdale County on or about January 25, 2008, was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to reimburse Jimmy Slay, Tax Assessor, and Judith Welge for travel expenses incurred when they attended the MS Assessors & Collectors Association in Jackson, MS December 10 – 13, 2007. Jimmy Slay - \$416.32; Judith Welge - \$106.60. This was a mandatory meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to approve the request to renew contract for the maintenance on the stenograph equipment which will expire on 2/9/08 for the Chancery Court. The basic plan with loaner will be \$319.00 and the money is in the budget. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

Chancery Clerk Carolyn Mooney submitted for inclusion in the minutes that Destruction of Election Records dated November 30, 2004, and back have been destroyed on January 31, 2008. The approval to do so was on December 4, 2007. A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to include in the minutes was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to place a buried fiber optic telecommunication cable along/across Centerhill Martin Road, Kemper Martin Road, and Byrd Doerner Road in Lauderdale County – AT & T Job No. P2171753 was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the authorization of the Board in making an offer to the owners, for the appraised value the acquisition of approximately 18 acres at Dunn's Falls, with the property being operated by the Pat Harrison Waterway District, as they have available funds to provide an RV

hook-up facility and additional renovations to the Dunn's Falls area. This project will help to bring in outside tourists. At this time, Supervisor Wayman Newell excused himself from the discussion and left the Board Room, as he has family ties to this property. He also abstained from voting on this issue. The motion passed by a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Craig Hitt voted aye; Supervisor Joe Norwood voted aye; and, Supervisor Ray Boswell voted aye.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the proposed personnel/changes, as listed below, within the Road Department as recommended by Mr. Neal Carson, was approved by a voted of four(4) to zero (0). Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Wayman Newell voted aye; Supervisor Craig Hitt voted aye; and, Supervisor Ray Boswell voted aye. Supervisor Joe Norwood abstained from voting.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Thomas Walker (New Hire)	Road Foreman	Sat A	\$18.24	02/06/08
Josh Todd	Road Foreman	Sat B	\$18.24	01/31/08
Carl Rush	Asst. Rd Foreman	Sat B	\$14.39	01/31/08
Paul Stevens	Asst. Rd Manager	Rd Unit	\$20.00	01/31/08
Charlie Mathis	Transfer to	Rd Unit	\$19.24	01/31/08
George Lanier	Transfer to	Sanitation	\$18.24	01/31/08

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request for David Sharp, LEMA Director, to attend an Environmental Protection Agency Meeting to be held February 12th-13th, 2008 in Tunica, MS, which will require an overnight stay and meals for two days (the money is in the budget), was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to approve a request for David Sharp to attend the Governor's Homeland Security Conference in Tunica, MS March 11-14, 2008, which involves no cost for Lauderdale County, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to approve a request for Supervisor Craig Hitt to attend the Governor's Homeland Security Conference in Tunica, MS March 11-14, 2008, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

Sheriff Billy Sollie submitted the following personnel/payroll change for inclusion in the minutes:

- 1) Effective January 18, 2008, Geoffrey Paton is no longer employed.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the transfer of \$22,900.00 over to the City of Meridian as part of the Drug Task Force Grant for Year 2008, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to extend the current contract with PTS, which provides mobile data software for the Sheriff's Department at a total cost of \$22,110.00 and will be paid for out of seized funds, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

Upon recommendation of Sheriff Billy Sollie, a motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve a request to purchase eight (8) Panasonic Tough Books with the Homeland Security Grant (additional money) in the amount of \$54,038, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve a request for Lt. Paul Earley and Sgt. Charles Pickett to attend Surefire Low Light Operator Course at the North Alabama Law Enforcement Training Center on March 5 – 6, 2008. Tuition is requested in the amount of \$160.00. Per diem is requested in the amount of \$214.00. Lodging will be at the Holiday Inn in Sheffield, AL at the cost of \$67.60. The cost of this training will be paid out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Investigator Joseph Moulds to attend Basic Crime Scene a Patrol Response course on February 22, 2008 at the Morton Police Department. Tuition is requested in the amount of \$110.00. The cost of this training will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request for Deputy Kris Cokel to attend NRA Handgun/Shotgun Instructor School at the Tupelo Training Center on March 2-7, 2008. Tuition is requested in the amount of \$525.00. Per diem is requested in the amount of \$186.00. Lodging will be at the Windgate Inn at the cost of \$476.15. The cost of this training will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Lt. Mike McCarra and Agent Joe White to attend NRA Precision Rifle Instructor course on March 10-14, 2008 at the Meridian Training Facility. Tuition is requested in the amount of \$1,050.00. Range fee is requested in the amount of \$200.00. The cost of this training will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request for Lt. Mike McCarra and Agent Joe White to attend North American Sniper Championship at the Meridian Training Facility on March 24-27, 2008. Tuition is requested in the amount of \$700.00. The cost of this training will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN A FORFEITED TAX LAND PATENT, from the State of Mississippi. This property was sold to the state for taxes. The motion was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to approve the request for the tax exempt status for Tower Automotive Services, Inc. in the amount of \$15, 240 for equipment purchased, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

The Board of Supervisors, immediately thereafter, with no business intervening, considered the necessity for an executive session, and a motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to resolve the Board of Supervisors into executive session. The motion 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. WHILE THE BOARD WAS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, ALL PERSONS LEFT THE BOARD ROOM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUPERVISORS HANK FLOREY, WAYMAN NEWELL, CRAIG HITT, JOE NORWOOD, RAY BOSWELL, AND THE BOARD ATTORNEY, RICK BARRY.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

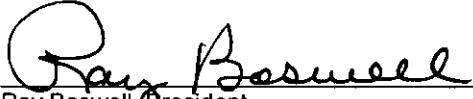
A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to go out of executive session, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.

The Board then went back into open meeting. Attorney Rick Barry announced that the Board went into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. No action taken at this time.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, for the Board of Supervisors to recess until Friday, February 8, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 4, 2008.


Ray Boswell, President