

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008

Pursuant to recess the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors resumed its regular March meeting at 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 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 Three, 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. Mike Sumrall, County Administrator, Mr. Neal Carson, County Engineer/Road Manager, and Mr. Rick Barry, Board Attorney.

Mr. Ray Boswell, Board President, called the March 2008 meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by Dr. John Temple of Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church.

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, MARCH 17, 2008 – 5:00 P.M.

1. Recessed meeting called to order.
2. Prayer given by Dr. John Temple with Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of Agenda for even date.
5. Presentation to Coach Mac Barnes and the Lamar Raiders Football Team.
6. Approval of minutes dated 2-19-08 and 2-29-08.
7. Proclamation: None
8. Jimmy Slay, Tax Assessor
 - A). Petitions for reduction and/or change of assessment.
 - B). Other matters for general good and welfare.
 - C). Update on re-evaluation of tax exempt properties.
9. Suzy Johnson, Tourism Director
10. Terrell Temple, Engineering Plus – Change Order for Tower.
11. Staff Reports.
12. Other matters for general good and welfare.
13. Actions from Supervisors.
14. Executive session, if needed.
15. Adjourn until Monday, April 3, 2008.
(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

Supervisor Hank Florey, presented Proclamation that was approved on March 3, 2008, to Coach Mac Barnes and the Lamar Raiders Football Team as winners of the new AAA Division II South State and State Championship for year 2007-2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the minutes dated February 19, 2008 and February 29, 2008, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

Upon the recommendation of Jimmy Slay, Lauderdale County Tax Assessor, a motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to adopt the attached 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 March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to look at the tax exempt status of property at Lake Ross Collins in the next work session, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

Ms. Suzy Johnson, Tourism Director, invited the Board of Supervisors to go with her to Jackson, MS on March 19, 2008, for Mississippi Tourism Day at the capital. A visit will be made to both the House and Senate where the group will be recognized. An invitation for lunch was extended to Board members as well.

Ms. Suzy Johnson, Tourism Director, informed the Board of a Strategic Planning meeting to be held on Thursday, April 10, 2008, with the consultant group retained several months ago. The meeting will be held at the Community Bank Boardroom and will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey to approve the request presented by Mr. Terrell Temple of Engineering Plus, for Change Order #2, which will provide additional improvements in the property at Tower Automotive, in the amount of \$26,000 and will be funded by Tower. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

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.)

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve Pauper's Burial for Brandy Howard who died in Lauderdale County on or about February 24, 2008; and, Venisha I Cooks who died in Lauderdale County on or about March 12, 2008, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

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

A) Shirlonda Renee Jackson, Detention Officer.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the inclusion in the minutes certification from Sheriff Billy Sollie that 25,293 meal were served in the Lauderdale Detention Facility during the month of January, 2008; and, to authorize the Board President to sign the necessary paperwork. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request by Mike Sumrall, County Administrator, to sponsor Disabled Veterans Golf Tournament, 2-man golf scramble to be held Friday, April 4, 2008 at a cost of \$200.00 which comes under the advertising county resources (sponsored 2/2007 for this amount). The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the appointment of Supervisor Craig Hitt to the Watershed Signage Committee, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the appointment of Supervisors Craig Hitt and Joe Norwood to the Twin District's Workforce Area Board, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the hire of Marcus D. Blakney as Laborer 1 at \$8.00 per hour, Road Unit Hwy. 39; and, is a replacement hire, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the lease of a dirt pit from Sharon Johnson Mabry, near Meehan, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request by South VFD for reimbursement of the 5% match of a grant in the

amount of \$25,290. Lauderdale County's portion will be \$1,264.50. The grant was spent on 23 sets of turn-out gear. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request by Clarence Butler to attend Congressional Dinner on April 2-3, 2008, in Washington, D.C., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

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

- 1) Effective March 1, 2008, Shirlonda Renee Jackson was hired as a Detention Officer.
- 2) Effective March 12, 2008, Ginger Davis has resigned as Administrative Assistant.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request by Sheriff Billy Sollie to place the 1994 Dodge B3W Van VIN #2B5WB35Z2RK158440 on inventory to use for trash pick-up, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A suggestion was made by several Board members to have the Jail Committee work in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, to address the issue of copper being stolen in Lauderdale County.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE SIGNING AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED NINE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,300,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2008, OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. The bonds will be sold on April 17, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. The motion was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2008, OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (THE "COUNTY") IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NINE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,300,000) TO RAISE MONEY TO THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, AND REPAIRING ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, AND ACQUIRING THE NECESSARY LAND, INCLUDING LAND FOR ROAD BUILDING MATERIALS, ACQUIRING RIGHTS-OF-WAY THEREFOR; AND THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES THERETO REASONABLY REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT, REPAIR AND RENOVATE ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND APPROACHES THERETO WITHIN THE COUNTY; AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING MONEY TO BUILD AND EQUIP RECREATIONAL CENTERS, AREAS OR PARKS, AND TO ACQUIRE BY LEASE, PURCHASE, EMINENT DOMAIN, DONATION, OR OTHERWISE, SITES THEREFOR. The motion was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to take under advisement the RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION TO INCREASE MILLAGE AS TO GARBAGE COLLECTION, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to AMEND THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY between Lauderdale County, Mississippi and Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. The motion was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the Tax Exempt status of the Church in Martin, effective as of January 1, 2007, which will include a refund on taxes paid in 2007. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request for any member of the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator,

and the Controller for the Road Department, to attend the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Annual Meeting at the Gulf Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, MS, April 16-20, 2008. The motion was passed by a vote of four (4) to one (1). Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Craig Hitt voted aye; Supervisor Joe Norwood voted aye; Supervisor Ray Boswell voted aye; and, Supervisor Wayman Newell voted nay.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request for Joe Norwood to attend the Educational Conference to be held in Laurel, MS April 8-9, 2008, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey to adjourn the meeting until Monday, April 7, 2008 at 9:00 A.M., was passed unanimously. Afterwards before the board adjourned, a motion to amend the motion to adjourn was made to recess until Friday, March 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., to discuss the depositories. The motion for the amended date was made by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, and was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 17, 2008.


Ray Boswell, Board President