

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors began and held its regular March meeting at 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 3, 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, and Mr. Wayman Newell, Supervisor of District Two. Mr. Craig Hitt, Supervisor of District Three, and Mr. Joe Norwood, Supervisor of District Four, were absent due to the attendance of a business conference in Washington, D.C.

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.

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

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Prayer was offered by Rev. Sellers, Toomsba Baptist Church.

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

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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 3, 2008 – 9AM

1. Sheriff Billy Sollie will call the March 3, 2008 meeting to order.
2. Prayer given by Rev. Sellers, Toomsba Baptist 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: 2/4/08, 2/8/08, & 2/12/08.
6. Resolution: Lamar School Football Team.  
Resolution: Approving application to enter into an agreement with Mississippi Development Authority on MS Rail Car Project (Kwanna McCary to present Monday.)
7. Jimmy Slay, Tax Assessor:
  - A) Petitions for reduction and/or change of assessment.
  - B) Other matters to general good and welfare.
8. Staff Reports:
9. Other matters for general good and welfare.
10. Actions from Supervisors.
11. Executive session, if needed.
12. Recess until Monday, March 17, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

AMENDMENTS;

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR;

Add to Agenda – County Insurance Coverage

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SHERIFF:

Add to Agenda – Per Diem Expense

(See pages \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ of

these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the minutes dated February 4, 2008, February 8, 2008, and February 12, 2008, was passed unanimously.

(See pages \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the Resolution honoring Lamar School Football Team, winners of the new AAA Division II South State and State Champions for the Year 2007-2008. The motion was passed unanimously.

(See page \_\_\_\_\_ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the Resolution approving the application to enter into an agreement with Mississippi Development Authority on MS Rail Car Project, as presented by Kwanna McCary. Lauderdale County is being asked to apply for a grant for \$1 Million from the State Katrina Supplemental Community Block Grant Economic Development Program to provide funds. Lauderdale County will provide 10% in cash/or in-kind work for infrastructure improvements. The motion was passed unanimously.

(See page \_\_\_\_\_ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3., 2008.

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Upon the recommendation of Jimmy Slay, Tax Assessor, a motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, 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 3, 2008.

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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 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the claims docket for March, 2008; and to authorize the Chancery Clerk to issue warrants therefore, was passed on a vote of three (3) to zero (0). Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Wayman Newell voted aye; and, Supervisor Ray Boswell voted aye.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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

A) Latoya Bennett, Detention Officer  
Deputy Justice Court Clerk

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request to pay maintenance contract in the amount of \$580.00 monthly on computer software in Chancery Court; and, the money is in the budget, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to ratify certification from Sheriff Billy Sollie that meals as stated below were served in the Lauderdale County Detention Facility during the months of December, 2006 through January 2008; and, to authorize the Board President to sign the necessary paperwork, was passed unanimously.

December 2006	29,172 meals
January 2007	28,221 meals
February 2007	25,513 meals
March 2007	27,665 meals
April 2007	26,151 meals
May 2007	26,187 meals
June 2007	26,014 meals
July 2007	26,474 meals
August 2007	28,235 meals
September 2007	28,342 meals
October 2007	28,299 meals
November 2007	26,692 meals
December 2007	27,626 meals

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve Justice Court Judge Robbie Robinson, Ricky Roberts, and Darrell Theall, to attend Professional Judicial Development Practical Bench Skills 1 at the Golden Moon, Choctaw, MS April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at a cost of \$927.00; the money is in the budget. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve and include in the minutes the following appointments to the County Committees:

Solid Waste Committee	Hank Florey, Craig Hitt
Courthouse Space Committee	Hank Florey, Ray Boswell
Industrial Park Committee	Ray Boswell, Wayman Newell
E-911	Craig Hitt
Data Processing Committee	Joe Norwood, Craig Hitt
Agri-Center Committee	Wayman Newell, Craig Hitt
Jail Committee	Hank Florey, Ray Boswell
Metro Ambulance Committee	Craig Hitt, Ray Boswell
Equipment Inventory Committee	Craig Hitt, Wayman Newell
Volunteer Fire Committee	Craig Hitt, Wayman Newell
Animal Control Committee	Craig Hitt, Ray Boswell
Tourism Committee	Wayman Newell

The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request by County Court Judge Veldore Young, to attend the Juvenile Justice

Conference in St. Louis, MO March 9-12, 2008 at a cost of \$1,654.31, which includes registration, hotel, meals, and mileage; the money is in the budget; was approved unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve insurance for Lauderdale County at a cost of \$670,396.00, for the following:

Automobile Insurance

Property Insurance

General Liability

Public Officials E & O

Law Enforcement Liability

Equipment/inland Marine

Crime

Umbrella

The motion was passed unanimously.

(See page \_\_\_\_\_ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the hire of Floyd Hurt at Satellite A at a rate of \$9.12 per hour, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A request by Neal Carson, County Engineer/Road Manager, to include in the minutes the right-of-way easements of property owners Daniel Johnson, Jill Johnson, Michael Johnson, Charlie Shaw, and Janice Shaw, residents of Rip Lane. Last month it was approved by the Board to receive their petition to make Rip Lane a public road. A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request of these homeowners to make Rip Lane a public road, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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Sheriff Billy Sollie submitted the following personnel/payroll change, and a motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to hire George Metrolis, James Bristow, Orrin Fuelling, Joe Byrd, and Howard Nester, as part-time Transport Officers, effective Tuesday, March 4, 2008. Starting rate of pay for each individual will be \$9.27 per hour; and, individuals will be utilized as needed. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request from Sheriff Billy Sollie for the Board President's and his signature, to be placed on the application for the \$70,000 grant for year 2007 Hurricane Relief Fund Subgrant. The grant which will be 100% funded by the Federal and State governments, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request for Deputy Kris Cokel to attend Select Fire Instructor School in Gulfport, MS on March 23 – 28, 2008. Lodging is requested in the amount of \$430.00 and will be at

Quality Inn. Per diem is requested in the amount of \$186.00. Costs will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request for Deputy Kris Cokel and Deputy Tavaras Smith to attend the STORM Conference in Vicksburg, MS on May 6 – 8, 2008. Tuition is requested in the amount of \$150.00. Per diem was also requested. Per diem is requested in the amount of \$186.00. The cost for this conference will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Sgt. Ruston Russell to attend First Line Supervisor Training Level I in Pearl, MS at MLEOTA on March 10 -13, 2008. Tuition is requested in the amount of \$240.00 which included lodging and meals. The cost for this training will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Lt. Laurie Robinson to attend MS Association of Professionals in Corrections Mini Conference at the Golden Moon Hotel and Casino in Choctaw, MS. Tuition is requested in the amount of \$750.00. Lodging is requested in the amount of \$60.00. Per diem is requested in the amount of \$62.00. The cost for this training will be paid for out of the jail budget. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request for Chief Deputy Ward Calhoun to attend Governor's Homeland Security Conference in Tunica, MS on March 11 – 14, 2008. Lodging is requested in the amount of \$207.00 and will be at the Harrah's Hotel in Tunica, MS. Per diem is requested in the amount of \$124.00. The cost will be paid for out of seized funds but will be reimbursed by the MS Office of Homeland Security. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENTS AND SUBLEASE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLUBS FOR BASEBALL FIELDS, was passed unanimously.

(See pages \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation by Lauderdale County. The property will provide private access for the Loblolly project. The motion was passed unanimously.

(See pages \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request by Magnolia Steel requesting Tax Exempt status on \$64,714.31 in machinery and equipment, was passed unanimously.

(See pages \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ of these Minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request by Magnolia Steel requesting Tax Exempt Status on \$283,545.86 on machinery and equipment,, that was filed last year, was passed unanimously.

(See pages \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FOR TOWER SERVICES INC., was passed unanimously.

(See pages \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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The Board of Supervisors, immediately thereafter, with no business intervening, considered the necessity for an executive session, and motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to resolve the Board of Supervisors into executive session to discuss potential litigation, was passed by the following vote: Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Wayman Newell 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, RAY BOSWELL, AND RICK BARRY, BOARD ATTORNEY.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

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

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

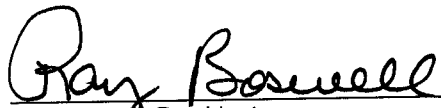
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The Board went back into open meeting. Attorney Rick Barry announced that the Board went into executive session to discuss potential litigation. No action was taken at this time.

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A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to recess until Monday, March 17, 2008 at 5:00 P.M., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this March 3, 2008.

  
Ray Boswell, President