

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors began and held its regular April Meeting at 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 7, 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. Mike Sumrall, County Administrator, Mr. Neal Carson, County Engineer/Road Manager, and Mr. Rick Barry, Board Attorney.

Sheriff Billy Sollie called the April meeting of the Board of Supervisors to orders.

Prayer was offered by Supervisor Craig Hitt.

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

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

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPRVISORS
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008 – 9:00 A.M.

1. Sheriff Billy Sollie called the April 7, 2008 meeting call to order.
2. Prayer given by Dr. Carl White, Highland 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 March 3, 2008 and March 17, 2008.
6. Proclamation: Boys & Girls Club Week.
Proclamation Commemorating Obediah "Obie" Clark.
7. Kawanna McCary, ECPD –
 - a. Resolution authorizing public hearing.
 - b. Resolution for Economic Development Grant for NEWCORP.
 - c. Need approval to advertise for Engineering Contract for MS Railcar.
8. Staff Reports:
9. Jimmy Slay, Tax Assessor:
 - A) Petitions for reduction and/or change of assessment.
 - B) Other matters for general good and welfare.
10. Suzy Johnson, Tourism Director
11. Actions from Supervisors.
12. Executive session, if needed.
13. Adjourn until Monday, April 21, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.
(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the minutes dated March 3, 2008 and March 17, 2008, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

Ms. Patty Swearingen introduced to the Board Mr. Jerry Burton, the new 4-H Extension Service Agent.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the Proclamation recognizing the National Boys and Girls Club Week 2008, March 30, 2008 through April 5, 2008, was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the Proclamation Commemorating Obediah "Obie" Clark on March 25, 2008, for the many years of hard work for the betterment and diversity of the community, was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve a Resolution authorizing the second public hearing for the Home Investment Partnerships Grant, which will be held on April 21, 2008 at 5:00 P.M., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to authorize Lauderdale County to apply for an Economic Development Grant which will benefit NEWCORP, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to advertise for bids for engineering services for MS Railcar, was passed unanimously,

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

Upon the recommendation of Jimmy Slay, Lauderdale County 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 April 7, 2008.

Upon the recommendation of Jimmy Slay, a motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the mapping specifications for the tax year 2009, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to authorize advertising for bids for the mapping process for the tax year 2009, according to the approved specifications, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to table making a decision on the bids received for maintenance/update of appraisal data, in order to allow time for the issue to be discussed by the Board of Supervisors prior to making a decision, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

Chancery Clerk Carolyn Mooney submitted for inclusion in the 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 the month of April, 2008; and to authorize the Chancery Clerk to issue warrants therefore, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve a Pauper's burial for Alphonse Diciolla who died in Lauderdale County on or about March 17, 2008, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

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

A) Penny McCracken, Detention Officer

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve and include in the minutes legal holiday for last Monday in April, Confederate Memorial Day, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request from Weems to dispose of surplus property as described below:

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| a. | 1997 Dodge Caravan | VIN 2B4FP253VR230908 |
| b. | 1997 Dodge 15 passenger van | VIN 2B5WB35VK568804 |

The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for the West Lauderdale Youth Association to use Richard May Ballfield for the months of April through July for community softball, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to approve the request for Dewayne Sosebee to attend the Animal Care Expo in Orlando, FL May 14-17, 2008. He will be attending on a scholarship grant. All costs will come out of HSUS Grant. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request to begin charging a \$10.00 fee for all reports such as accident reports, incident reports, fire reports, fingerprints and records, etc., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request to include in the minutes a correction to the minutes dated 3/17/08 page 6. Appointment of Craig Hitt and Joe Norwood to the Twin Districts Workforce Board should be only one appointment, Joe Norwood, to the Twin Districts Local Elected Officials Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to pay Ron Welch for inspection of the Lauderdale County Jail and Hilltop Honor Farm Work Center in the amount of \$3,000.00; and will require a budget amendment. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request to publish Notice of Final Settlement for payment to Joe McGee Construction Co., Inc. for construction of Project No. SAP 38 86 being Miller Road in Lauderdale County (new NAS access road). According to provisions of Section 31-5-53, Laws of 1972, a Notice of Publication of Final Settlement shall be published in some newspaper in the county before a suit can be instituted against the contractor and his surety by a person or persons for claims. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

Upon recommendation of Neal Carson, County Engineer/Road Manager, a motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve Change Order #2 for the Bronson Road Bridge Project, which is an \$18,000 increase but still below the original bid price; and will utilize erecting an eight foot beam/span support to alleviate blockage problem under the bridge, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

Upon recommendation of David Sharp, LEMA Director, a motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the a Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency, due to the damaging, straight-line winds that came through Lauderdale County on April 4, 2008; the proclamation will cover taking care of dangerous and hazardous situations through the end of business on Friday, April 11,2008. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

Upon recommendation of Clarence Butler, VFD Coordinator, the burn ban will expire as of this date.

Upon recommendation by Suzy Johnson, Tourism Director, a motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to send Jeremy Campbell to the Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College July 27-August 1, 2008 in Georgia. Since Jeremy has requested a tuition scholarship, only basic travel expenses will be incurred. He will be able to stay in the dorm with some meals provided. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Suzy Johnson to attend the Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College on Wednesday through Friday for the alumni courses, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Suzy Johnson to attend the MTA Board Retreat for 2 days in May, in Vicksburg, MS, was passed unanimously.

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

- 1) Effective March 24, 2008, Penny McCracken has been hired as a Detention Officer. Her starting rate of pay is \$8.00 per hour.
- 2) Effective March 27, 2008, Thomas Bergin has resigned as Deputy Sheriff.
- 3) Effective March 27, 2008, Andrew Graham has resigned as a Detention Officer.
- 4) Effective March 31, 2008, Cleon Bates has resigned as Detention Officer.
- 5) Effective March 31, 2008, Joh'el McGowan has resigned as Detention Officer.
- 6) Effective April 14, 2008, Eileen Moreno has resigned as Deputy Sheriff.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to remove the K-9 Deputy Case from the inventory list due to his recent death, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request for Deputy Karey Williams and Deputy Chris McFarland to attend Tactical Breaching Course on April 24-25, 2008 at North AL Law Enforcement Training Center. Tuition cost will be \$398.00. Lodging will be at Holiday Inn in Sheffield, AL at the cost of \$134.00. Per

Diem is requested in the amount of \$186.00. The cost of this training will be paid out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Lt. Paul Earley and Deputy Kris Cokel to attend M/16-AR/15-M4 Armorer's School on April 15-17, 2008 in Gulfport, MS. Tuition cost will be \$800.00. Lodging will be at the Comfort Inn at the cost of \$268.63. Per Diem is requested in the amount of \$328.00. The cost of this training will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Chief Deputy Ward Calhoun to attend the 6th Annual Senior Crime Prevention Training Conference in Raymond, MS on April 21 -22, 2008. Tuition cost will be \$50.00. Lodging will be at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, MS at the cost of \$73.83. Per Diem is requested in the amount of \$62.00. The cost of this training will be paid for out of the TRIAD Grant. This is a mandatory conference. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request for Tim Chesney and Bryon DeHek to attend Microsoft SQL Server in Nashville, TN on May 12-13, 2008. Tuition cost will be \$1,990.00. Class books are requested at the cost of \$85.90. Lodging will be at Hampton Inn at the cost of \$572.43. Per Diem is

requested in the amount of \$386.00. The cost of this training will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to attend MS Chapter of FBINAA Spring Training Conference in Pear, MS on April 9-10, 2008. Registration is requested in the amount of \$40.00 and dues is requested in the amount of \$80.00. The cost of this training will be paid for out of seized funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request by Rick Barry, Board Attorney, to void the 2006 Tax Sale and authorize a refund to N. Brad Carter for taxes assessed on a trailer located on the property that he purchased the 2006, was passed unanimously. Mr. Carter will then need to pay taxes on only the property he purchased.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve a request to name the new road that goes from Camp Ground Road to John Stennis Drive, as Chip Pickering Drive. It was built as an enhancement to NAS Meridian. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

The Board of Supervisors, immediately thereafter, with no business intervening, considered the necessity for an executive session, for reason of personnel matter. A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to into executive session was passed by the following vote: Mr. Hank Florey voted aye; Mr. Wayman Newell voted aye; Mr. Craig Hitt voted aye; Mr. Joe Norwood voted aye; and Mr. Ray Boswell voted aye. WHILE THE BOARD WAS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ALL PERSONS LEFT THE BOARD ROOM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SUPERVISORS HANK FLOREY, WAYMAN NEWELL, CRAIG HITT, JOE NORWOOD, RAY BOSWELL, AND BOARD ATTORNEY, RICK BARRY.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to go out of executive session, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

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

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Wayman Newell, to appoint County Administrator Mike Sumrall, Supervisor Craig Hitt, Supervisor Joe Norwood, along with Tax Assessor, Jimmy Slay, to review the reappraisal bids, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.

A motion by Supervisor Hank Florey, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell,
to recess until Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 11:00 A.M., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this April 7, 2008.



Ray Boswell, President