

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors began and held its regular February meeting at 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 2, 2009 at the Raymond P. Davis County Annex Building in Meridian, Mississippi, with the following members present: Mr. Hank Florey, President of the Board and 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, Supervisor of District Five, was not present due to illness.

Sheriff Billy Sollie called the February, 2009 meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Prayer was offered by Reverend David Sellers of Toomsba 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 Craig Hitt, to approve the "Agenda" for even date, with amendments as follows, was passed unanimously.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009 – 9AM

1. Sheriff Sollie calls February, 2009 meeting to order.
2. Prayer given by Reverend David Sellers.
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 January 20, 2009.
6. Resolution (s): None.
7. Jimmy Slay, Tax Assessor:
 - A) Petitions for reduction and/or change of assessment.
8. Mr. Maurice Kahimus and Kristi Dearing with Weems Mental Health – to present budget.
9. Staff Reports:
10. Other matters for general good and welfare.
11. Actions from Supervisors.
12. Executive session, if needed.
13. Recess until Monday, February 9, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the minutes dated January 20, 2009, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

Upon the recommendation of Jimmy Slay, Lauderdale County Tax Assessor, a motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, 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, and changes to the Homestead Exemption Rolls, 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 2, 2009.

Jimmy Slay, Lauderdale County Tax Assessor, presented petitions to the Board of Supervisors for increases for the 2008 Tax Rolls. These parcels (see attached) were inadvertently missed due to technical errors. Letters will be sent out to the property owners advising them of the situation so that they may voice their objections to the increase in valuation. Letters requesting a hearing must be filed with the Chancery Clerk by Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. Hearings will begin Monday, March 2, 2009.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

Mr. Maurice Kahlmus and Ms. Kristi Dearing of Weems Mental Health presented their 2009 Budget to the Board of Supervisors.

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 Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the claims docket for February, 2009; and to authorize the Chancery Clerk to issue warrants therefore, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request to purchase postage in the amount of \$10,000 for the Chancery Clerk's postage machine, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

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

- A). Christopher Powell, Detention Officer
- B). Joseph Litchfield, Detention Officer
- C). Terry Harper, Lauderdale County School Board, District Five

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request by the Circuit Clerk to destroy 51 boxes of Affidavit envelopes by burying in the landfill. These envelopes have incorrect wording (changed by Secretary of State) (see attachment). The motion was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request to pay a total of \$13,375 on the following LSBP projects:

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| 1. | Judy Creel | \$1,250.00 |
| 2. | Daphne Sutter Moore | \$2,625.00 |
| 3. | Sandra Hosimer | \$2,000.00 |
| 4. | Mary L. Sutter | \$7,000.00 |
| 5. | William S. Cobb/Joyce Thompson | \$ 500.00 |

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request to set up the following four (4) funds, was passed unanimously.

1. Drug Court – Adult
2. Youth Court Support Program
3. Jag 2007
4. Jag 2008

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request by Kristi Dearing with Weems Mental Health, to declare and dispose of surplus property (see attached letter) as follows was passed unanimously.

1. 1997 Dodge 15 passenger van - VIN 2B5WB35Z9VK532035
2. 1997 Dodge 15 passenger van – VIN 2B5WB35Z6VK532042

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request to sponsor Disabled American Veterans Chapter #56 4th Annual Golf Tournament in the amount of \$200.00 to be held at Ponta Creek Golf Course on April 3, 2009; and authorize the Chancery Clerk to issue the warrant therefore payable from the Lauderdale County General, Advertising Budget 001-675-522; the Board finding and declaring that such expenditure will bring into favorable notice and report the governmental, educational and other opportunities, possibilities and resources of the County in accordance with Section 17-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Wayman Newell, to approve pay request #6 for Davidson Hauling on the Access Road for the Call Center in the amount of \$16,528.91, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$5,697.12 for Access Road – Call Center Project (see attached), was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request to reimburse Jimmy Slay \$503.90 for expenses for attendance at the Mississippi Association of Collector's and Assessor's Conference in Natchez, MS November 19 – 21, 2009, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve the request to accept the Comcast Cable Account which will allow internet service for the Juvenile Center, Agri-Center, Drug Task Force, Central Garage/Animal Control, E-911 Dispatch, and County Annex in the amount of \$479.40 per month which is an increase of \$179.40 per month. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request, in addition to the Comcast Cable hook-ups for Central Garage/Animal Control and Dispatch, the purchase of a Sonic Wall TZ180 for the two locations at a price of \$461.33 x 2 = \$922.66 as well as one to one and a half days of tech support from Premise, Inc. The County has a contract with Premise and daily charges are \$900 per day, including drive time (see letter from Tim Chesney). The motion was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request to purchase thirty (30) replacement panels for the Agri-Center. The

insurance policy has a \$5,000 deductible. The cost for the panels will be \$7,810 and will come out of the Agri-Center budget. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve inclusion in the minutes of notice given that on the 16th day of January 2009 Mississippi Power Company filed with the Mississippi Public Service Commission; PETITION OF MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF AN ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES, ASSOCIATED GAS PIPELINE FACILITIES, ASSOCIATED RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND RELATED FACILITIES IN KEMPER, LAUDERDALE, CLARKE, AND JASPER COUNTIES, MISSISSIPPI. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to approve inclusion in the minutes of APPLICATION OF WILDWOOD ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING IT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A SEWER SYSTEM IN A SPECIFIED AREA IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MS. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

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

- 1). Effective January 23, 2009, Joseph Litchfield was hired as a Detention Officer. His starting rate of pay is \$8.22 per hour.
- 2). Effective January 23, 2009, Christopher Powell was hired as a Detention Officer. His starting rate of pay is \$8.22 per hour.
- 3). Effective January 23, 2009, Melissa Flack was hired as a Civilian Central Control Officer. Her starting rate of pay is \$7.77 per hour.
- 4). Effective January 26, 2009, Wendy Leach has resigned as Detention Officer.

Upon recommendation by Sheriff Billy Sollie, a motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request to begin using n-Court for the bonding process, offering internet services and payment by debit and credit cards, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve contract with Southern Health Partners Agreement for medical services nunc pro tunc to February 1, 2009, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PETITION AND EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC ROAD, which is an easement from William S. Cobb and Joyce Thornton, managers of L & M Cobb Timber, LLC, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

Ms. Lucinda Johnson, Chaplain Dennis Marks, and Mr. Richard Lofton offered comments concerning various matters.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, that the Lauderdale County Supervisors support Senate Bill 2300 which will increase the exemption allowance from \$75,000 to \$100,000, failed to pass. Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Wayman Newell voted aye; Supervisor Craig Hitt voted nay; and Supervisor Joe Norwood voted nay.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Craig Hitt, to approve the request to advertise for bids for a new roof at the Boys and Girls Club, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

The Board of Supervisors, immediately thereafter, with no business intervening, considered the necessity for an executive session for the discussion of economic development, and a motion by Supervisor Craig Hitt, seconded by Supervisor Joe Norwood, was passed by the following vote: Mr. Hank Florey voted aye; Mr. Wayman Newell voted aye; Mr. Craig Hitt voted aye; and, Mr. Joe Norwood 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,
AND BOARD ATTORNEY, RICK BARRY.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

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

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

The Board then went back into open meeting. Rick Barry, Board Attorney,
announced that the Board went into executive session to discuss economic development
matters. No action was taken at this time.

Bids for the one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for General Obligation Road and
Bridge Bonds, Series 2009 were opened at 11:00 A.M. by Demry Scruggs and Elizabeth
Garner with Butler Snow Law Firm. The bids were as follows:

<u>NAME OF BIDDER</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
Duncan Williams, Inc. /Citizens National Bank	3.047863%
Bank Plus	3.0%
Morgan Keegan	3.222821%
Great Southern National Bank	3.27%

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Hank Florey, to
adopt RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE AND AWARD OF GENERAL OBLIGATION

ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS, SERIES 2009, OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2009, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000); AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FORM OF EXECUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT PERTAINING TO THE ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) GENERAL ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS, SERIES 2009, OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY MISSISSIPPI; and to award the bid to Bank Plus of Meridian, Mississippi with a 3.0% interest rate, was passed by a vote of two (2) to one (1). Supervisor Hank Florey voted aye; Supervisor Wayman Newell voted aye; Supervisor Craig Hitt voted nay; and, Supervisor Joe Norwood abstained.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Craig Hitt, to recess until Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 2, 2009.


Hank Florey, President