

MONDAY, February 1, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisor began and held its regular February meeting at 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 1, 2016, at the Raymond P. Davis Annex Building in Meridian, Mississippi, with the following members present: Mr. Joe Norwood, President of the Board and Supervisor of District Four, Mr. Jonathan Wells, Supervisor of District One, Mr. Wayman Newell, Supervisor of District Two, Mr. Josh Todd, Supervisor of District Three, and Mr. Kyle Rutledge, Supervisor of District Five.

Also present were Ms. Carolyn Mooney, Chancery Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Cheryl Polk, Interim County Administrator, Mr. Greer Goldman, Road Manager, and Mr. Lee Thaggard, Board Attorney.

Sheriff Billy Sollie called the February 2016 meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Prayer was offered by Supervisor Josh Todd.

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

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to approve the "Agenda" for even date, was passed unanimously.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.

1. Meeting called to order by Sheriff Billy Sollie.
2. Prayer given by Supervisor Josh Todd.
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 19, 2016 and January 28, 2016 (work session).
6. PROCLAMATION: Crisis Intervention Team Awareness Month.
7. Sheriff Billy Sollie (agenda attached).
8. PUBLIC HEARING 9:30 A.M. – BETHANY CHURCH LOOP ROAD.
9. James Rainey, Tax Assessor (agenda attached).
10. Greer Goldman, Road Manager (agenda attached).
11. Staff Reports: Carolyn Mooney, Cheryl Polk, and Lee Thaggard.
12. Other matters for general good and welfare.
13. Actions from Supervisors.
14. Motion to recess until Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, to approve minutes dated January 19, 2016 and January 28, 2016 (work session), was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to proclaim the month of February as "Crisis Intervention Team Awareness Month", was passed unanimously. Representatives from the local Crisis Intervention Team were: Wade Johnson, Training Coordinator, Sheriff Billy Sollie and Chief Deputy Ward Calhoun, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, Jill Walsh, National Alliance of Mental Health, and Frankie Johnson, Newton's Central Mississippi Residential Center. The purpose of the Crisis Intervention Team is to ensure that individuals with mental illness are treated with dignity and respect; that the public, individuals and officers involved in crisis situations are kept safe; and that access to treatment in lieu of incarceration remains a viable option. The motion was passed unanimously.

(See page _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

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

- 1) Effective January 20, 2016, Tommie Coker has been hired as a Deputy Sheriff. His starting rate of pay is \$16.49 per hour.
- 2) Effective January 22, 2016, Jonathan Leslie has been hired as a Detention Officer. His starting rate of pay is \$10.51 per hour.
- 3) Effective January 27, 2016, Colton Tomberlin has been hired as a Detention Officer. His starting rate of pay is \$10.51 per hour.
- 4) Effective January 27, 2016, Edward Odom has been hired as a Detention Officer. His starting rate of pay is \$10.51 per hour.
- 5) Effective January 27, 2016, Rozena Neal has been hired as a Detention Officer. Her starting rate of pay is \$10.51 per hour.
- 6) Effective February 3, 2016, Cody Tucker has resigned as Detention Officer.

Upon recommendation of James Rainey, Lauderdale County Tax Assessor, a motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, 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 further described on attachments hereto, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

The Tax Assessor's Office will be open Saturday, February 27, 2016 and March 26, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to better assist customers who want to apply for Homestead Exemption prior to the April 1st deadline.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, to approve the request to hire Lewis Shepherd as a laborer in the Solid Waste Fund. His rate of pay will be \$9.64 an hour. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request to hire Timothy Max Etheridge as a heavy equipment operator. His rate of pay will be \$12.93 per hour. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

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 Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to approve the first claims docket for the month of February 2016; and to authorize the Chancery Clerk to issue the warrants therefore, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to approve the following Oaths of Office, was passed unanimously.

- A) Rozena Neal – Detention Officer
- B) Edward Odom – Detention Officer
- C) Colton Tomberlin – Detention Officer
- D) Thomas Robinson – Deputy Sheriff

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the following Void and Refund Parcel, and to place PPIN #3283 back into the Tax Collector's Office for collection, was passed unanimously.

- 1) 2014 YEAR TAXES ----SALE #3839

PPIN #3283 PARCEL #04521000000003000

ASSESSED TO: WILLIAMS, CHARLES R ETUX S/C

SOLD TO: TTLBL LLC \$163.06 + \$21.94 (OVER-BID) = \$185.00

REASON: CLERICAL ERROR

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to approve budget amendment to set up a Special Revenue Fund according to the payment procedures approved by the auditors for the Multi-Year Encroachment Agreement, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, to approve and advance from the General Fund to the Multi-Year Encroachment Protection Fund in the amount of \$40,000.00, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve Order authorizing payment of Appraiser Wingfield & Associates, Inc.'s Invoice Number 15B-033 in the amount of \$7,500.00 and authorizing and directing the County Administrator to obtain reimbursement of such payment in equal shares from the United States Navy and the Mississippi Development Authority in accordance with the Multi-Year Encroachment Protection Agreement and the associated Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Grant Agreement (Grant Number: ML-966), was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, to approve the request to repay advance from Fund 294-TIF I & S Crossroads for \$120,407.57 back to the General Fund. Funds have been received from the Tax Collector. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to approve fund transfer per 2016 budget, \$282,600.00 from Fund 138 – Economic Industrial and Recreational Fund to Fund 620 – Economic Development District, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, to approve fund transfer per 2016 budget, \$50,000.00 from Fund 137 – Tourism to Fund 129 – Agri-Center, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Wayman Newell, seconded by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, to approve fund transfer per 2016 budget, \$50,000.00 from Fund 137 – Tourism to Fund 130 – MS Arts & Entertainment, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to approve budget amendment to reclassify lease purchase payments for LEMAVFD copier to be paid 100% from General Fund. Transfer 50% once a year from VFD to General Fund. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, to approve transfer of \$1,361.12 from VFD Fund 106 to General Fund for first year lease payment on LEMAVFD Copier Lease Purchase, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, seconded by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, to approve the request to increase amount previously approved for the lease purchase of three (3) new vehicles from \$76,000.00 to \$77,185.70, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve low quote from Hancock Bank for Lease Purchase Financing for three (3) vehicles with a total cost of \$77,185.70. Lease purchase terms are for 36 months at an interest rate of 1.73%. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to surplus the following vehicles at the request of Weems Community Mental Health, was passed unanimously.

- 1) 1997 Dodge 15 Passenger Van VIN #2B5WB35ZXVK532027
- 2) 1997 Dodge 15 Passenger Van VIN #2B5WB35Z4VK532038
- 3) 2002 GMC 15 Passenger Van VIN #1GJHG39R621196016

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve the request for Rob Seal to attend the Dixie National Equine Expo February 16-21, 2016 in Jackson, MS. Travel will include hotel, per diem and travel in a county vehicle. Funds are in the budget. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to approve the request for an advertisement for county resources – a full page ad for \$300.00 for Mary Elizabeth Sprabery, Miss Meridian's Outstanding Teen 2016 who will be competing in Miss Mississippi's Outstanding Teen 2016 in June in Vicksburg, MS. The motion was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, to approve the request to advertise for bids for building at Satellite A, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to table discussion and vote on proposal of Great Southern Recreation, LLC for a Splash Pad at Highland Park, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, to approve EXECUTIVE SEARCH AGREEMENT WITH THE PACE GROUP FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, and to authorize the Board President to execute same, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, to approve ORDER CHARGING SUCCEEDING TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT TAXES UNCOLLECTED BY RETIRING TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE § 27-29-31, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to approve RESOLUTION OF THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA BYPASS PROJECT, was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

Ms. Karen Rooney, Meridian Main Street Director, and Mr. Tommy Williams came before the Board to discuss matters for general good and welfare.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to open the Public Hearing relative to the petition to close a segment of Bethany Church Loop, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

Board Attorney Lee Thaggard explained that on January 4, 2016 the Board passed a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TO CONSIDER CLOSING A SEGMENT OF A COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS "BETHANY CHURCH LOOP". Supervisor Rutledge confirmed that the proposed road closure only pertains to the unpaved portion of the road which is not being maintained by the County. Supervisor Rutledge reported further that for a period of at least the last ten consecutive years, traffic on Bethany Church Loop has been intermittent and of such low volume that no substantial public purpose is being served thereby, and further that in his opinion, the public interest or convenience does not require the road to remain open to the public, but rather, it is in the public interest or convenience to close, vacate, or abandon said section of Bethany Church Loop. Bethany Church Loop. Attorney Thaggard

then submitted an Exhibit List and accompanying exhibits for inclusion in the minutes. (See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.) Members of the public were offered an opportunity to speak for or against the closure of Bethany Loop Road. There being no comments from the public, a motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to close the Public Hearing, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, to approve RESOLUTION AND ORDER RELATIVE TO THE CLOSING OF A SEGMENT OF "BETHANY CHURCH LOOP", was passed unanimously.

(See pages _____ through _____ of these minutes.)

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd was made to determine the need to go into an Executive Session. A second and a vote on such motion being unnecessary, all persons left the meeting except for the Board, its counsel Lee Thaggard, and the Interim County Administrator.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and a personnel matter. The motion was passed unanimously. Attorney Lee Thaggard then announced to the public that the Board had decided to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and a personnel matter.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

Following completion of the discussion of matters appropriate for the Executive Session, a motion by Supervisor Jonathan Wells, seconded by Supervisor Kyle Rutledge, to exit the Executive Session, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

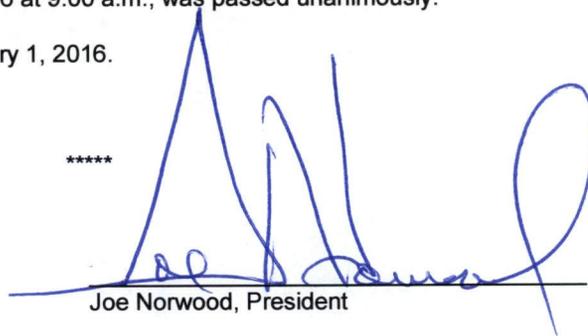
The Board went back into open meeting. Board Attorney Lee Thaggard then announced that the Board discussed potential litigation and a personnel matter. Board Attorney Lee Thaggard also announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

A motion by Supervisor Joe Norwood, seconded by Supervisor Josh Todd, to approve the request to make a \$500.00 grant to the MLK Scholarship Gala and Parade to be held February 20, 2016, was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.

A motion by Supervisor Josh Todd, seconded by Supervisor Wayman Newell, to recess until Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., was passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED, this February 1, 2016.


Joe Norwood, President