



Rankin County Board of Supervisors

211 East Government Street
Brandon, MS 39042
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Work Session

~ Minutes ~

Larry Swales
Chancery Clerk

Thursday, January, 28, 2021 9:00 AM Rankin Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER MEETING OF THE RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9:00 AM Meeting called to order on January 28, 2021 at Rankin Board Room, 211 East Government Street, Suite A, Brandon, MS.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Daniel Cross	Vice President	Present	
Steve Gaines	Supervisor District 4	Present	
Brad Calhoun	Supervisor District 3	Present	
Jared Morrison	President	Absent	
Jay Bishop	Supervisor District 5	Present	
Craig Slay	Board Attorney	Present	
Keith Hicks	County Administrator	Present	

II. INVOCATION

Mike Word, EOC Director

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to discuss the need to go into Executive Session

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
SECONDER: Steve Gaines, Supervisor District 4
AYES: Daniel Cross, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jay Bishop
ABSENT: Jared Morrison

B. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
SECONDER: Steve Gaines, Supervisor District 4
AYES: Daniel Cross, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jay Bishop
ABSENT: Jared Morrison

C. Motion to come out of Executive Session

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
SECONDER: Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
AYES: Daniel Cross, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jay Bishop
ABSENT: Jared Morrison

D. Outcome of Executive Session No action taken

- IV. CALL TO ORDER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
- V. ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
- VI. CALL TO ORDER MEETING OF THE RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (CONT'D)
- VII. MIKE HARRISON, ROAD MANAGER

A. Discussion of and potential action on Harrell Road Bridge

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
SECONDER:	Steve Gaines, Supervisor District 4
AYES:	Daniel Cross, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jay Bishop
ABSENT:	Jared Morrison

VIII. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

- A. Discussion of Investigation by Public Service Commission into Sinkhole on Private Drainage Easement
- B. Acknowledgment of receipt of notification from the Mississippi Supreme Court dated January 19, 2021, notifying County Administrators across Mississippi that, by action of the Mississippi State Personnel Board, in conjunction with the Mississippi Legislature, salaries for Circuit Judges and Chancery Judges in Mississippi, have been increased effective January 1, 2021. The annual salary of Circuit Court Judges and Chancery Judges in Mississippi, as of January 1, 2021, is now \$149,000. In the same notice letter, the Mississippi Supreme Court advised that, by virtue of Miss. Code Ann. Section 9-9-11(1), the annual salary of a COUNTY COURT JUDGE (for counties having a County Court Judge) is set at \$1,000 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors. Accordingly, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, it is appropriate to increase the annual salary of Rankin County’s two County Court Judges in compliance with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. Section 9-9-11(1), to an annual amount of \$148,000. As acknowledged by the Mississippi Supreme Court in its notice letter dated January 19, 2021, the Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts is responsible for paying the amount of the pay increase set by statute, along with the amount of fringe benefits associated with said pay increase. In other words, by approving of the annual salary increase for the two Rankin County Court Judges, there will be no net increase in costs to Rankin County resulting from the action to authorize the pay increase. The increase in salary and the fringes will be borne by the State of Mississippi. Approval of annual salary increase effective January 1, 2021, pursuant to the instructions of the Mississippi State Personnel Board, the Mississippi Supreme Court and the Mississippi Legislature and as reflected in the minutes hereof, for Rankin County Court Judges, Place 1 and 2. Authorization of County Administrator to do all things necessary and take all actions required to implement said salary increases and authority to amend the budget to reflect said actions as necessary

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Gaines, Supervisor District 4
SECONDER:	Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
AYES:	Daniel Cross, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jay Bishop
ABSENT:	Jared Morrison

- C. Authorization to retain Marques Hall, dba Hall Engineering, as engineer of record for grant-funded renovation project at 401 Parkway Dr Pearl, MS 39208. Authorization of engineer to provide plans and specifications for renovation project. Authorization of County Administrator to work with MSDH to prepare bid notice for renovation project and to cause publication of same in accordance with the bid law. Authorization of County Administrator to receive billing statements and/or invoices for professional engineer services and to pay same, if required, and to seek reimbursement for said costs and expenses from the grant funding being provided to MSDH for this renovation project. This is a grant funded renovation project. Rankin County is not expected to incur non-reimbursed costs or expenses associated with this project

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IX. KEITH HICKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Review of Agendas for February 1, 2021

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Discussion of and potential action on Greenbriar St. for turnaround for garbage truck, school bus around mail carrier

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Gaines, Supervisor District 4
SECONDER:	Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES:	Daniel Cross, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jay Bishop
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- B. Motion to add "Authorization of Board Attorney and/or Associated Legal Counsel to provide written confirmation of a Settlement Agreement between Rankin County and AT&T with respect to the pending suit styled Bellsouth Communications, Inc. v. Rankin County Board of Supervisors; Civil Action 21-21." to the agenda

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- C. Authorization of Board Attorney and/or Associated Legal Counsel to provide written confirmation of a Settlement Agreement between Rankin County and AT&T with respect to the pending suit styled Bellsouth Communications, Inc. v. Rankin County Board of Supervisors; Civil Action 21-21. The terms of the Settlement Agreement are as follows: (1) AT&T will dismiss its lawsuit without prejudice; (2) AT&T will immediately initiate relocation of utilities

along Andrew Chapel Road; (3) The parties to the suit will reserve discussion of whether, and, if so, the amount (if any) to be reimbursed to AT&T for costs related to utility relocation; (4) Rankin County will release permits to AT&T the applications for which have not been fully considered. Authority of Road Manager to execute pending permit AT&T permits. Authority for AT&T to conduct utility relocation activity along and adjacent to Andrew Chapel Road.

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MOVER:	Steve Gaines, Supervisor District 4
SECONDER:	Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
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- D. Update on Andrew Chapel Road Project (utilities relocation)
- E. Motion to add "Authority for Board President to execute letter to the federal legislative delegation about the submission of a 7001 application by Rankin County in regards to the Storm Water Management Plan" to the agenda

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- F. Authority for Board President to execute letter to the federal legislative delegation about the submission of a 7001 application by Rankin County in regards to the Storm Water Management Plan

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XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- B. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel

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SECONDER:	Steve Gaines, Supervisor District 4
AYES:	Daniel Cross, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jay Bishop
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D. Outcome of Executive Session
No action taken

XII. Motion to Adjourn

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MOVER:Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
SECONDER:Steve Gaines, Supervisor District 4
AYES:Daniel Cross, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jay Bishop
ABSENT:Jared Morrison

This the 28th Day of January, 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Cross".

DANIEL CROSS, VICE PRESIDENT
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Swales".

LARRY SWALES, CLERK OF THE BOARD