

AGENDA
Rankin County Board of Supervisors
BRAD CALHOUN, PRESIDING
Thursday, December 15, 2022 9:00 AM

I. Call to Order

9:00 AM Meeting called to order on December 15, 2022 at Rankin Board Room, 211 East Government Street, Suite A, Brandon, MS.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Supervisor District 2 Daniel Cross	☐	☐	☐	
Vice President Steve Gaines	☐	☐	☐	
President Brad Calhoun	☐	☐	☐	
Supervisor District 1 Jared Morrison	☐	☐	☐	
Supervisor District 5 Jay Bishop	☐	☐	☐	

II. INVOCATION

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A.

Minutes Approval

A. December 5, 2022

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

Financial Reports

A.

Approval of claims docket in the amount of \$10,388,339.65

B.

Acknowledge receipt of Budget and Financial Reports for the month of November 2022

C.

Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in the Road Department for reimbursement for overpayment in the amount of \$23,000.00

D.

Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in Community Development in the amount of \$21,026.00 for the purchase of a new truck

E.

Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in the 911 Fund in the amount of \$52,500.00 for insurance proceeds received to repair Crossroads Tower-Antenna Damage

Appointment

F.

Approval to Re-Appoint Charlie Crosser to the Cleary, Water, and Fire District Board of Directors

G.

Acceptance of Supreme Court Order on December 2, 2022, Appointing Family Master, Keri Haralson Carroll, for Service Beginning January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023, and Compensate Said Family Master a Salary of \$2,500.00 Per Month as Per Ordered Entered by Rankin County Chancery Court

Grants & Agreements

H.

Request approval of Assignment of Residential Leasehold Interest Contract for Sixteenth Section Lands between Rankin County Board of Education and the Rankin County School District (Lessors) do hereby sell, convey, and warrant unto Stephanie Stevens (Lessee)

I.

Approval of Assignment of Commercial Leasehold Interest Contract for Sixteenth Section Lands between Rankin County Board of Education and BAL Properties, LLC (Assignor) do hereby sell, convey, and warrant unto Lonnie Gale Wood (Assignee)

J.

Approval of Assignment of Commercial Leasehold Interest Contract for Sixteenth Section Lands between Rankin County Board of Education and BAL Properties, LLC (Assignor) do hereby sell, convey, and warrant unto Alejandro Aguilar, Sr. (Assignee)

K.

Approval of Amended Agreement for Services Between Rankin County and Stantec, Inc., Providing for Small Increases in Professional Service Rates Effective December 31, 2022, and Authority for Board President to Execute Amended Agreement

L.

Approval of MOU between the Rankin County Sheriff's Department/Rankin County Juvenile Detention Center and the Rankin County School District to set forth responsibility regarding the provision of education services to students placed in the Rankin County Juvenile Detention Center and authority for the Juvenile Detention Center Administrator to execute documents

Other

M.

Acknowledgement of receipt of written request of property owner for inspection conducted by Office of Community Development of the dwelling located at 122 Cleve Harper Road, Florence, MS. Acknowledgment that inspection revealed that dwelling is uninhabitable and unsafe and must be demolished and all debris completely removed from subject property at the expense of persons, firms, or corporations other than Rankin County, Mississippi. There is no obligation whatsoever on the part of the County to participate in any way in said demolition activities nor incur any expense whatsoever with respect to same. Obligation on the part of the property owner, or other person, firm or corporation to conduct complete demolition and debris removal within 180 days from the date of this board action.

2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CHECKS:***Dues and Training Conferences*****A.**

Authority to pay 2022-2023 Membership Dues for the Mississippi Association of County Administrators and Comptrollers for Keith Hicks and Wanda Martin in the amount of \$75.00 each and authority to issue check

B.

Authority to pay 2023 MSCMEA Membership Dues in the amount of \$200.00 each for David Ruth, Heather Smith, Eric Mallery and Clifton Dunlap and authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$250.00 each for David Ruth, Heather Smith, and Eric Mallery to attend the MSCMEA 2023 Winter Conference on January 18 - 20, 2023, in Flowood, MS and authority to issue checks

C.

Authority to pay Membership Dues to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) in the amount of \$165.00 for Donna Beliech and authority to issue check

D.

Authority to pay Registration Fees in the amount of \$325.00 each for all Supervisors, the County Administrator, and the Comptroller and \$350.00 each for County Engineer and Road Manager to attend the 2023 MAS Mid-Winter Conference on January 24-26, in Flowood, MS and authority to issue check

E.

Authority to pay registration fees and lodging in the amount of \$500.00 for Election Commissioner Michael Chandler to attend the Election Commissioners of Mississippi Annual Certification and Training on January 24 - 26, 2023, in Philadelphia, MS and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses

F.

Authority for Captain Paul Holley to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy on January 9 - March 16, 2023, in Quantico, VA and authority to pay for Paul Holley's uniforms in the amount of \$933.78 and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses; Authority for Randy Gray and two additional Sheriff's Office members to attend the graduation ceremony in March and pay any travel related expenses

Other**G.**

Authority to Pay Constables Allowance for Lost Cause in the amount of \$4,500.00 each for Barry Bean, Glenn Dixon, Gary Windham and Robert Hancock and authority to Issue Payroll Checks

H.

Authority to pay for a Renewal of Notary for Isabel Maddox in the amount of \$113.00 and authority to issue check

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Authority to pay for a Renewal of Notary for Jamie Ferrell in the amount of \$113.00 and authority to issue check

3. **AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A.

David McCarley (Promotion to Corporal in School Resource) at Step 406; Antonio Rand (Promotion to Operations Manager at JDC) at Step 348; Blaine White (Promotion to Shift Sergeant in the Adult Detention Center) at Step 331; Jesse Zetterholm (Promotion to Sergeant on Patrol) at Step 376; **Youth Court:** Kimberly Cook (New Hire, Intervention Court Intake Officer) at Step 362; **Road Department:** Bryant Bishop (New Hire, Equipment Operator) at Step 378; **Tax Assessor’s Office:** Gloria Roberts (From Part Time to Full Time, Office Manager) at Step 477;

4. **RECORD VARIOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE MADE A PERMANENT PART OF THE MINUTES**

A. Various Documents

VI. **JOHN SULLIVAN, TAX ASSESSOR**

A.

Petitions for Change of Assessment on 2022 Real and 2020, 2021, and 2022 Property Assessment Roll

B.

Petitions to adjust 2022 Homestead Exemption Supplemental Roll

C.

Authority to pay 2023 annual membership dues to the Mississippi Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers for 15 Tax Assessor employees in the amount of \$10.00 each and authority to issue check

D.

Authority to pay 2023 Annual Membership dues to the International Association of Assessing Officers for William P. Sullivan in the amount of \$410.00 and authority to issue check

VII. **BRIGETTE HERRING, PURCHASE CLERK**

A.

Bid Openings for Semi-Annual Term Bids for the Unit Systems

- 1. 23-300-1 - Asphalt
- 2. 23-300-2 - Metal Culverts
- 3. 23-300-3 - Polypropylene Culverts
- 4. 23-300-4 - Scrub Seal, Slurry Seal, Micro-Surfacing, Micro Surfacing (Modified)
- 5. 23-300-5 - Crushed Aggregates
- 6. 23-300-6 - Gravel
- 7. 23-300-7 - Soil Stabilization
- 8. 23-300-8 - Polyurethane Foam Application and Curb/Gutter Removal and Replacement

B.

Approval of Copier Contracts with R. J. Young

- 1. R. J. Young

2. 911 Operations

C.

Award Contract for Pest Control Services of County Buildings to Safeguard Pest Management, LLC

VIII. MIKE HARRISON, ROAD MANAGER

A.

Request approval of Comcast Permit No. JB0001246192 to construct an Underground Fiber Cable to be installed at 959 Luckney Road (District 5)

B.

Request approval of Comcast Permit No. JB0001261355 to construct an Underground Fiber Cable to be installed at 100 Quail Hollow Place (District 5)

C.

Request approval of Uniti Fiber Permit No. 452549 to construct a Fiber Optic Cable to be installed along/across Spillway Road (District 2)

D.

Vernon Jones Drainage Project - Approval of Pay Application Number One to Thornton Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$105,814.14 and authority to issue check

IX. TIM PARKER, COUNTY CONSULTING ENGINEER

A.

River Forest, Part 3 - Approval of Final Plat and LOC in the amount of \$198,283.80

B.

Gunter Road Improvement Project Phase I - Approval of Pay Application Number 3 to Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$94,513.65 and Approval of Pay Application Number 4 to Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$462,319.18 and authority to issue checks

X. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

Public Hearings:

A.

Public Hearing for Michael Brooks Rezoning Request, Stump Ridge Road (District 4)

B.

Public Hearing for US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the LB Cabana Series IV Nuisance Property, 418 Persimmon Cove (District 1)

C.

Public Hearing for Rankin County’s Stormwater Management Plan

Other:

D.

Consideration and potential action to approve memorandum of understanding between Rankin County and Mississippi Department of Public Safety for an additional testing scientist position at the Mississippi State Forensics Laboratory dedicated to testing services for Rankin County matters with the option to conduct related testing services for other jurisdictions in the event that all services for Rankin County are completed and up-to-date. The MOU requires Rankin County to cover all personnel costs associated with the position to include any overtime and fringe benefits. The employee will be selected in accordance with the personnel requirements set forth by the Mississippi State Forensics Laboratory and the employee will be managed and governed pursuant to the personnel policies applicable to all testing scientists employed by the Mississippi State Forensics Laboratory. The MOU may be terminated at any time upon notice from either the County or MDPS. Authorization of Board President to execute MOU on behalf of county. Authority of County Administrator to enter into all agreements or arrangements that may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the MOU. Authority of County Administrator, Sheriff, and District Attorney, or any of them, to fully participate in the selection of a scientist or scientists to fill position in the event that MDPS requests assistance

E.

Approval of Ordinance Prohibiting the Use, Purchase, Possession, Distribution, Sale or Offering for Sale of Synthetic Cocaine, other Synthetic Products, or Kratom and authority for Board President to Execute Document

F.

Acknowledgment of formal notice that the lawsuits generally styled "Green Hills Development, LLC v. UMB Bank, et al." filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (Civil Action No. 3:19-cv-416-DPJ-FKB), the Mississippi Supreme Court (Supreme Court Case Nos. 2018-CA-00182-SCT, 2021-CA-00283 and 2021-TS-245; will be dismissed with prejudice as to all parties, including Rankin County, Mississippi (and all other pending litigation between the parties not identified herein will be resolved in favor of Rankin County). Authorization of Board President to execute Global Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of Rankin County, Mississippi (See Attachment A). Authorization to void 2020 tax sale as to Rankin County parcels identified on Attachment B. Acknowledgment of receipt of written request from Stonebridge Public Improvement District Trustee and Board of Directors to strike all PID Assessments, accrued interest and penalties, if any, associated with Tax Years 2020 and 2021 for all parcels of Rankin County property reflected on Attachment B. Acknowledgment of receipt of written certification from Stonebridge PID Trustee and PID Board of Directors indicating a complete release and hold harmless agreement in favor of the Rankin County Board of Supervisors, Rankin County Tax Assessor, Rankin County Tax Collector and Rankin County Chancery Clerk from any all claims related to the removal and non-collection by Rankin County of PID Assessments, interest and penalties, if any, associated with Tax Years 2020 and 2021 and related to the parcels reflected in Attachment B. With respect to the parcels of Rankin County property identified on Attachment B, authorization of Tax Assessor and/or Tax Collector to do all things necessary and proper to void prior tax bills associated with the Tax Years 2020 and 2021 which included PID Assessments and Interest and to reissue tax bills that reflect only assessment of ad valorem taxes, statutory interest and appropriate fees associated with activities necessitated by land tax sale activity for Tax Years 2020 and 2021 as reflected on Attachment B. Authorization of Board President, County Administrator or any other appropriate person to execute any and all documents, agreements, releases, certificates, or any other document regardless of description or form that may be necessary to effectuate the settlement and termination of all litigation involving Rankin

County and the Stonebridge Public Improvement District and to resolve the issues of ad valorem taxes and ad valorem assessments associated with the parcels of property identified on Attachment B, as well as the PID Assessments, interest and penalties, if any, associated therewith

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ADJOURN