



Rankin County Board of Supervisors

Regular Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

211 East Government Street
Brandon, MS 39042
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Larry Swales
Chancery Clerk

Monday, May, 1, 2023 9:00 AM Rankin Board Room

I. Call to Order

9:00 AM Meeting called to order on May 1st, 2023 at Rankin Board Room, 211 East Government Street, Suite A, Brandon, MS.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Daniel Cross	Supervisor District 2	Present	
Steve Gaines	President	Present	
Brad Calhoun	Supervisor District 3	Present	
Jared Morrison	Supervisor District 1	Present	
Jay Bishop	Vice President	Present	
Larry Swales	Chancery Clerk	Present	
Keith Hicks	County Administrator	Present	
Craig Slay	Board Attorney	Present	

II. INVOCATION

Craig Slay

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION

- A. Resolution Commending and Congratulating the Northwest Rankin High School Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2023 6A State Championship

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Minutes Approval
 - A. April 14, 2023
 - B. April 27, 2023

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Bishop, Vice President
SECONDER:	Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

V. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2
SECONDER:	Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

Financial Reports

- A. Approval of Budget Amendment for the Road Department to transfer between line items, no increase

- B. Approval of Budget Amendment for the Sheriff Department for an increase in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Walmart donation received to purchase equipment**
- C. Authority to release funds being held on deposit in lieu of a letter of credit for protection of the installation of the wearing surface on private streets of Hamlet Subdivision (PRV Property at Spillway and Lakeland Presbyterian). Authority to issue check in the amount of \$19,469.00 to AJ Construction**

Appointments

- D. Authority to appoint Dr. Bettye Ward Fletcher to the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VI Board of Commissioners**

Leases

- E. Approval of Quitclaim Deed of Leasehold Interest in Sixteenth Section Trust Lands is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Betty Hermon do hereby quitclaim and convey unto the Trustees for the Rankin County School District and their Successors in Office**
- F. 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 Betty Harmon and James Wesley Harmon (Lessees)**
- G. Approval of Quitclaim Deed of Leasehold Interest in Sixteenth Section Trust Lands is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Tyler Madden do hereby quitclaim and convey unto the Trustees for the Rankin County School District and their Successors in Office**
- 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 Savannah Clark (Lessee)**
- I. Approval of Assignment of Commercial Leasehold Interest Contract for Sixteenth Section Lands between Rankin County Board of Education and Ward Apothecary, LLC (Assignors) do hereby sell, convey, and warrant unto Denham Solutions, LLC (Assignee)**

Other

- J. Authorization for Brandon Main Street Association to use the County Courthouse Annex parking lot on May 20, 2023, as agreed to upon the terms, contingent upon receipt of insurance accord**
 - K. Authorization to execute any and all documentation required by MDOT or others w/r/t Old Fannin Road Overlay; STP 7331 - 00(007)LPA/109168-70100**
- 2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CHECKS:**

Dues and Training Conferences

- A. Authority to pay Membership Dues for the Mississippi Technology User Group (MSTUG) in the amount of \$50.00 each for all five (5) I.T. Employees and authority to issue check**

- B.

Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$300.00 for Trey Spillman to attend the Mississippi Department of Public Safety Summit on May 8 - 10, 2023, in Flowood, MS, and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- C.

Authority for Thomas Woods and Brent Bigsby to attend the Orientation Course for Dispatchers on June 12 - 13, 2023, in Canton, MS, and authority to pay any travel related expenses
- D.

Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$395.00 each for Thomas Woods and Brent Bigsby to attend the IAED Basic Course in Mendenhall, MS, and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- E.

Authority to pay Membership Dues for the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists in the amount of \$100.00 for Chris Brogdon and authority to issue check
- F.

Authority to pay tuition in the amount of \$750.00 each for Amy Sistrunk, Anthony Bragg, and Lauren Carter to attend the Mississippi Baptist Bible Seminary 2nd Semester and authority to issue check
- G.

Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$895.00 each and hotel fees in the amount of \$1,033.16 each for nine (9) Youth Court employees to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference on June 26 - June 29, 2023, in Houston, TX and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses (All costs associated with this conference will be eligible for reimbursement)
- Other
- H.

Authority to pay for a Renewal of Notary for Denise Peoples in the amount of \$177.00 and authority to issue check
3.

AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVENTORY CHANGES:
- A.

Approval of the Following Inventory Changes to Add Items, Remove Items from the County Inventory that Are Broken or to Surplus Items and Transfer Items Interdepartmental (See Attached)
4.

AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:
- A.

Sheriff’s Department: Edgar Winston (New Hire, Certified Deputy in Court Services) at Step 348; Road Department: Jason Johnson (New Hire, Driver) at Step 320; County Prosecutor’s Office: Tatum Morton (New Hire, Administrative Assistant) at Step 301; Maintenance: Eric Pendergrass (Part Time to Full Time) at Step 309; Board of Supervisors: Mike Word (Additional Duties of County Patrol Officer) at Step 537; District Attorney’s Office: Kennedy Guest: (New Hire, Contractual Student Worker - \$12.50 /hour, D.A.’s Office will reimburse Rankin County for Salary in full);
5.

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

Various Documents
1.

a

Vardoc Executed MDEQ Non-Competitive Solid Waste Assistance Grant (\$53,760.97)

(PDF)
2.

b

Vardoc Executed MOU with RC Youth Court & The Chamber

(PDF)
3.

c

Vardoc March 15, 2023 Minutes (Proof)

(PDF)
4.

d

Vardoc March 16 - April 15, 2023 Claims Docket (Proof)

(PDF)
5.

e

Vardoc Notice of Zoning Hearing for Doric South, INC. (Proof)

(PDF)
6.

f

Vardoc Notice of Zoning Hearing for Pinnacle Motors, LLC (Proof)

(PDF)
7.

g

Vardoc Notice to Bidders Bid No. 23-300-9 - Semi-Annual Asphalt (Proof)

(PDF)
8.

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Vardoc Notice to Bidders Bid No. 23-300-10 - Scrub Seal, Slurry Seal (Proof)

(PDF)

9. i Vardoc Notice to Bidders Bid No. 23-300-11 - Metal Culverts (Proof) (PDF)
10. j Vardoc Notice to Bidders Bid No. 23-300-12 - Polypropylene Culverts (Proof) (PDF)
11. k Vardoc Notice to Bidders Bid No. 23-300-13 - Crushed Aggregates (Proof) (PDF)
12. l Vardoc Notice to Bidders Bid No. 23-300-14 - Gravel (Proof) (PDF)
13. m Vardoc Notice to Bidders Bid No. 23-300-15 - Soil Stabilization (Proof) (PDF)
14. n Vardoc Notice to Bidders Bid No. 23-300-16 - Polyurethane Foam Application (Proof) (PDF)
15. o Vardoc Public Notice for Voting Precinct Location Changes (Proof) (PDF)
16. p Vardoc Veterans Service Officer Monthly Activity Report for April 2023 (PDF)

VI. CAROLINE GILBERT, TAX COLLECTOR

A. Petitions for change of assessment on 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Personal and 2022 Real Property Assessments

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3

SECONDER: Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2

AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

B. Authority to void the supplemental chargeback for PPIN 72556; the property was sold prior to the issuance of the chargeback

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3

SECONDER: Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1

AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

VII. JOHN SULLIVAN, TAX ASSESSOR

A. Petitions to adjust 2022 Homestead Exemption Supplemental Rolls

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jay Bishop, Vice President

SECONDER: Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1

AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

VIII. BRIGETTE HERRING, PURCHASE CLERK

A. Award contract for vending services to Coomes Distributors, Inc.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jay Bishop, Vice President

SECONDER: Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2

AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

B. Award contract for lawn maintenance of Rankin County properties and Old Fannin Road to Xpressive Lawn & Landscape

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jay Bishop, Vice President

SECONDER: Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2

AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

IX. MIKE HARRISON, ROAD MANAGER

A. Road Work Accomplished for April 2023 and Road Work Scheduled for May 2023

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
SECONDER:	Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

B. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0001415436 to construct a Fiber Optic Cable along/across Old Lake Road to be installed between Hughes Trail and Star Road (District 3)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
SECONDER:	Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

X. TIM PARKER, COUNTY CONSULTING ENGINEER

A. LSBP 61(6) - Discussion and potential action

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1
SECONDER:	Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES:	Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jared Morrison, Jay Bishop
NAYS:	Daniel Cross

XI. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing for Doric South, Inc. Conditional Use Permit, 4136 Highway 471 (District 4)
Action on Doric South, Inc.

Board Attorney, Craig Slay, opened the public hearing.

Hearing no further comment, Mr. Slay closed the public hearing.

The board made a motion to approve this conditional use permit.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Gaines, President
SECONDER:	Jay Bishop, Vice President
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

B. Public Hearing for Pinnacle Motors Conditional Use Permit, 96 Baker Lane (District 4)
Action on Pinnacle Motors

Board Attorney, Craig Slay, opened the public hearing.

Hearing no further comment, Mr. Slay closed the public hearing.

The board then made a motion to approve this conditional use permit.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Gaines, President
SECONDER:	Jay Bishop, Vice President
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

C. **Public Hearing for Verizon Wireless Conditional Use Permit, S. Pearson Road (District 1)**
Action on Verizon Wireless - Motion to DENY

Board Attorney, Craig Slay, opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in support:

Andy Rotenstreich, representing Verizon Wireless

The following spoke in opposition:

Pat Sullivan, representing the City of Richland and its homeowners, discussed potential property devaluation and the threat to aesthetics of the community.

Crystal and Randy Walker (2638 S Pearson Rd) expressed health, property devaluation, and aesthetic concerns

Forrest Rhemann, (1781 Cleary Rd), expressed property devaluation concerns.

Hearing no further comment, Mr. Slay closed the public hearing.

The board then made a motion to DENY this conditional use permit.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Gaines, President
SECONDER:	Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

OTHER

D. **Authorization for appropriate representative of Rankin County Youth Court to execute Memorandum of Understanding between Rankin County Youth Court and Office of State Public Defender (“OPSD”) providing indigent parent legal representation in youth court matters and providing for reimbursement to Rankin County for one half of the cost of providing indigent parent legal representation through funding provided to OPSD. The MOU is conditioned upon receipt by OPSD of sufficient funding for the program**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2
SECONDER:	Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

XII. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. **Benchmark Engineering - Discussion and potential action on 5.06 UT Neely Creek Ditch Flood Impacts Project**

Motion to award project bid to Hemphill Construction

RESULT: ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER: Jay Bishop, Vice President
SECONDER: Steve Gaines, President
AYES: Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jared Morrison, Jay Bishop
NAYS: Daniel Cross

- B. Authorization to add "Authorization of a temporary ordinance to regulate vehicles operating on county roads currently being used as a detour for a bridge replacement on Highway 18. This ordinance will be for the purpose of protecting these specific county roads against damage. (See attachment for ordinance details)"

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
SECONDER: Steve Gaines, President
AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

- C. Supervisor Jay Bishop left at 11:07 A.M.
- D. Authorization of a temporary ordinance to regulate vehicles operating on county roads currently being used as a detour for a bridge replacement on Highway 18. This ordinance will be for the purpose of protecting these specific county roads against damage. (See attachment for ordinance details)

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

- E. Supervisor Jay Bishop returned at 11:10 A.M.
- F. Authorization to add "Acknowledge and Approve an updated list of unmarked vehicles from the Rankin County Sheriff's Office"

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2
SECONDER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

- G. Acknowledge and Approve an updated list of unmarked vehicles from the Rankin County Sheriff's Office

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2
SECONDER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion to Discuss the need for an Executive Session

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2
SECONDER: Jay Bishop, Vice President
AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

B. Motion to Go into an Executive Session for Litigation

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2
SECONDER: Jay Bishop, Vice President
AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

C. Motion to Come out of the Executive Session

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1
SECONDER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

D. Outcome of Executive Session
No action taken

XIV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Authorization to add "Establishment of just compensation for select Florence-Byram Parkway parcels (identified on Exhibit A)"

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1
SECONDER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES: Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

B. Establishment of just compensation for select Florence-Byram Parkway parcels (identified on Exhibit A)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [3 TO 2]**
MOVER: Jared Morrison, Supervisor District 1
SECONDER: Brad Calhoun, Supervisor District 3
AYES: Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Jared Morrison
NAYS: Daniel Cross, Jay Bishop

XV. RECESS UNTIL MAY 15, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

- A. Motion to Recess Until My 15, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Gaines, President
SECONDER:	Daniel Cross, Supervisor District 2
AYES:	Cross, Gaines, Calhoun, Morrison, Bishop

This the 1st Day of May, 2023



STEVE GAINES, PRESIDENT
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



LARRY SWALES, CLERK OF THE BOARD