

AGENDA
Rankin County Board of Supervisors
STEVE GAINES, PRESIDING
Tuesday, September, 5, 2023 9:00 AM

I. Call to Order

9:00 AM Meeting called to order on September 5, 2023 at Rankin Board Room, 211 East Government Street, Suite A, Brandon, MS.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Supervisor District 2 Daniel Cross	☐	☐	☐	
President Steve Gaines	☐	☐	☐	
Supervisor District 3 Brad Calhoun	☐	☐	☐	
Supervisor District 1 Jared Morrison	☐	☐	☐	
Vice President Jay Bishop	☐	☐	☐	

II. INVOCATION

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A.

Minutes Approval:

A. August 15, 2023

B. August 21, 2023

C. August 31, 2023

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

Financial

A.

Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in the BOS fund to pay the Settlement Funds for resolution of litigation matter styled, "Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC v. Rankin County Board of Supervisors; In the United States District of Mississippi, Northern Division; Civil Action No.: 3:23-cv-457

B.

Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in the I.T. Department for payment of Genetic and Microsoft contract renewals

C.

Approval of Budget Amendment for Community Development to transfer between line items, no increase

Contracts, Agreements and Grants

D.

Approval of Insurance Proposal for Inmate Health Care with Sirius American Insurance Company on behalf of the Rankin County Sheriff and authority for the Sheriff to execute documents

E.

Acknowledgement of rent adjustments due to a reappraisal on the Sixteenth Section Lease for the Central MS Regional Library System, as allowed in the language of the Master Lease

F.

Approval of Assignment of Commercial Leasehold Interest Contract for Sixteenth Section Lands between Rankin County Board of Education and Troyce Hayes Patrick (Assignor) do hereby sell, convey, and warrant unto Puckett Shell, LLC (Assignee)

G.

Request approval of Amendment to Sixteenth Section Public School Trust Lands Commercial Lease Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Pearl Public School District Marcie Bullock (Joint Tenants)

H.

Request approval of Contractual Agreement between Rankin County and Deanco Auctions to sell surplus vehicles on September 12th & 13th, 2023, in Philadelphia, MS

I.

Authority to execute revised agreement between Palmer & Slay and RCBOS for collection of unpaid obligations owed for Rankin County. Revised agreement relates to current agreement dated August 2, 2021, and only modified the original agreement by including the Office of the Tax Collector as a signatory

J.

Approval of request from the Florence High School Fast Pitch Booster Club for the FY 2023 Recreational Funds (District 1) in the amount of \$3,265.43 as authorized by HB1744 Regular Session; these funds will be used to upgrade the facilities in and around the Softball Field and Complex and authority to issue check

K.

Approval of request from the Richland High School for the FY 2023 Recreational Funds (District 1) in the amount of \$1,251.91 as authorized by HB1744 Regular Session; these funds will be used to for the purchase of a Wind Screen and authority to issue check

Other**L.**

Approval of resolution conforming the Rankin County Board of Supervisors to the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-3-13(1)(h), as amended by Senate Bill 2719 (2022 Session)

2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CHECKS:

Dues and Training Conferences

A.

Authority for Fred Davis to attend the Fall County Veteran Service Officer Training on October 18 - 20, 2023, in Hattiesburg, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses

B.

Authority for Cymber Hubbard to attend the Fall 2023 Parent and Youth Defender Conference on September 20 - 22, 2023, in Olive Branch, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses

C.

Authority to pay training fees in the amount of \$4,270.00 for all Sheriff's Deputies to attend the Leadership and Professional Development Training with TET Elite Pros on September 18 - 21, 2023, at the Safe Room and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses

3. AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVENTORY CHANGES:

4. AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

A.

Authority to approve the following Personnel Recommendations:
Sheriff's Department: Charles Alford (New Hire, Certified Adult Detention Officer); James Fortenberry (Promotion to Certified Deputy in Court Services) at Step 342; Montana Fortenberry (New Hire, Uncertified Adult Detention Officer) at Step 301; Richard Moore (New Hire, Deputy on Patrol) at Step 342; **District Attorney's Office:** Joey Mayes (Recommendation to pay annual statutory salary increase of \$6,720.00 annually);

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

A. Record Various Documents to be Made a Permanent Part of the Minutes

VI. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023 PROTEST OF PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS (CONT'D):

A.

Final consideration of The Calvert Company objection to valuation of personal property for ad valorem tax purposes and consideration of whether the Calvert Company qualifies for Freeport tax exemption under Mississippi law

VII. CAROLINE GILBERT, TAX COLLECTOR

A.

Authority to void land sale and to refund any tax sale purchasers for PPIN 72581; the property was sold to the State and should not have been processed through the tax sale

VIII. JOHN SULLIVAN, TAX ASSESSOR

A.

Request approval of ad valorem tax exemption requests for 2023 tax year:

Recommended by Tax Assessor to Deny:

Calvert Company (Freeport); Lyle Machinery Parts & Service (Freeport);
Lyle Machinery Parts & Service (Ad Valorem Exemption); Southern States
Utility Trailer Sales (Ad Valorem Tax Exemption)

Recommended by Tax Assessor to Approve:

Debury Onshore LLC (Ad Valorem Exemption); Nucor Steel Jackson Inc
(Ad Valorem Tax Exemption); Mississippi Rural Water Association
(Non-profit entity); Cooperwood Senior Living* (Ad Valorem Exemption)

*Contingent upon proof that the City of Flowood granted exemption

B.

Authority to advertise for bids for Personal Property Appraisal Services for
a four (4) year contract

C.

Request approval of deletion of 4338 homestead exemption accounts from
the 2022 Homestead Exemption Deletion File

D.

Request approval of Application for FY2023-2024 for authority to expend
One (1) Mill according to Section 27-39-239(2)(b), Miss Code Ann., as
amended

E.

Order approving the 2023 Recapitulation of the Real and Personal
Assessment Rolls

IX. BRIGETTE HERRING, PURCHASE CLERK

A.

Approval of Copier Contract for Purchasing with Ricoh US, Inc

X. MIKE HARRISON, ROAD MANAGER

A.

Road Work Accomplished for August 2023 and Road Work Scheduled for
September 2023

B.

Request for approval of Windstream Communications Utility Permit No. WS
70373009800402 to construct a Telecommunications Fiber Cable
along/across Kitchens Road to be installed between Kitchens Road and R T
Braddy Road (District 1)

XI. TIM PARKER, COUNTY ENGINEER**A.**

Authority for the Board President to sign the following Contracts:

- Program Element 1.21 UT Holcomb Branch @ Deer Valley Subdivision
- Program Element 1.22 UT Mountain Creek Erosion Mitigation @ Foster Road
- Program Element 1.23 Bank Stabilization @ White Road

XII. KEITH HICKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**A.**

Authority for the Rankin County Board of Supervisors to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Region 8 Mental Health Commission for the purpose of reimbursing the cost of renovations in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million, for the purpose of providing a Crisis Stabilization Unit on the campus of Region 8 Mental Health in Brandon, MS and authority for Board President to execute documents

B.

Authorization of Board President to execute Memorandum of Agreement between Rankin County and MDOT regarding receipt of and use of Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund Grant Award for Rankin County Bridge SA61(013)

C.

Authority for Engineering Service to serve as Engineer of Record for Rankin County ERBR Project No.: ERBR 61(02)

D.

Authority to sign Order of Real & Personal Property Assessment Rolls for 2023

E.

Approval of HVAC Maintenance Agreement with Environment Masters and authority for County Administrator to execute documents

XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION****XV. RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2023, AT 9:00 A.M.**