

AGENDA
Rankin County Board of Supervisors
STEVE GAINES, PRESIDING
Friday, December, 15, 2023 9:00 AM

- I. CALL TO ORDER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**
- IV. CALL TO ORDER MEETING OF THE RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

9:00 AM Meeting called to order on December 15, 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	☐	☐	☐	

- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1.**

Minutes Approval:
1. December 4, 2023

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Financial

- A.**

Approval of claims docket in the amount of \$7,406,597.26
- B.**

Acknowledge receipt of Budget and Financial Reports for the month of November 2023
- C.**

Approval of interfund transfer in the amount of \$475,000.00 from the General Fund to the 911 Fund for Radio Equipment/Antenna System installation at Cato and Monterey Tower sites as approved by BOS 11/30/2023
- D.**

Approval of Budget Amendment in the 911 Fund for an increase in the amount of \$475,000.00 for Radio Equipment/Antenna System installation at Cato and Monterey Tower sites as approved by BOS 11/30/2023, funds to be transferred from General County

E.

Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in the Public Defender Department for the purchase of a new computer and printer

F.

Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in the BOS Department for the purchase of portable radios

Appointment**G.**

Authority to appoint Leslie Lewis as Receiving Clerk for the Circuit Clerk's Office effective 1/2/2024

H.

Authority to appoint Adrian Mills as Solid Waste Hearing Officer for Rankin County, Mississippi

Contracts, Agreements and Grants**I.**

Approval of request from the Florence High School Softball Team for the FY 2024 Recreational Funds (District 1) in the amount of \$1,388.43 as authorized by HB1744 Regular Session; these funds will be used for the purchase of new softball equipment

J.

Approval of request from the Florence High School Baseball Team for the FY 2024 Recreational Funds (District 1) in the amount of \$2,985.00 as authorized by HB1744 Regular Session; these funds will be used for the fence fabric replacement and bull pen extension

K.

Approval of Quitclaim Deed of Leasehold Interest in Sixteenth Section Trust Lands is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Steven Aubren Nevels does hereby quitclaim and convey unto the Trustees for the Rankin County School District and their Successors in Office

L.

Request approval 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 Lindsey Elyse Keyes and Meagan Arinder Keyes (Lessee)

M.

Request approval of Assignment of Residential Leasehold Interest Contract for Sixteenth Section Lands between Stephen Aubren Nevels (Lessors) do hereby sell, convey, and warrant unto Lindsey Elyse Keyes and Meagan Arinder Keyes (Lessee)

N.

Authority for the Board President to sign Central Electric Power Association Right of Way Instrument for Sixteenth Section Lease(s) from the Grantor, RCSD

O.

Request approval of Commercial Lease of Sixteenth Section Public School Trust Land between Rankin County School District (Lessor) and The Lamar Companies (Lessee)

P.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the 172D Airlift Wing (AW) and the Rankin County Sheriff's Office for use of meeting space at the Rankin County Safe Room and Conference Center in the event the 172D AW Installation is hampered by major incident or disaster that administration functions cannot be effectively performed and a temporary location is essential

Q.

Approval of Amended Agreement for Services Between Rankin County and Stantec, Inc., Providing for Small Increases in Professional Service Rates Effective December 31, 2023, and Authority for Board President to Execute Amended Agreement

Other**R.**

Authority to consolidate Rankin County recycling operations at 710 Marquette Road and authority for County Administrator to do all things necessary to carry-out intent of consolidation

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

Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$400.00 each for 3 Supervisors, County Administrator, Comptroller, Assistant Comptroller, and Road Manager to attend the Mississippi Association of Supervisors 2024 Mid-Winter Legislative Conference on January 23 - 25, 2024, in Flowood, MS and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses

B.

Authority to pay Regional, State, and National Dues for the Statewide Secretarial Association in the amount of \$45.00 for Mary-Ellen Hester and authority to issue check

C.

Authority to pay 2024 Membership dues in the amount of \$165.00 for the International Society of Arboriculture for Donna Beliech and authority to issue check

D.

Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$425.00 each for Chris Cousin and Christy Snow to attend the Sexual Assault Investigation Class

on January 18 - 19, 2024 in Tupelo, MS and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses

E.

Amendment of authority from consent agenda dated 9/15/2023 for Jamie Goldman to attend the 2023 Certification Training for County Receiving Clerks previously set on October 5, 2023, in Jackson, MS to now be held on January 17, 2024, in Jackson, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses

Other

F.

Authority to reimburse Sedevyn Gray in the amount of \$60.14 for fuel purchased and authority to issue check

3. AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVENTORY CHANGES:

A.

Authority to approve the following Inventory Changes:
Approval of the following Inventory Changes to remove items from the county inventory that are broken and/or obsolete (See attached)

4. AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

A.

Authority to approve the following Personnel Recommendations:
Sheriff’s Department: Justin Davis (Promotion to Investigator) at Step 366; Anthony DiMartino (Promotion to Captain/Training Director) at Step 432; Heathe Grice (Transfer from Patrol to School Resource Officer) at Step 402; John Lambert (New Hire, Deputy Sheriff) at Step 365; John Lewis (Transfer from Patrol Deputy to School Resource Deputy) at Step 386; David Mccarley (Promotion to Sergeant) at Step 419; **Road Department:** William Mayberry (New Hire, Laborer) at Step 287; **Tax Collector’s Office:** Dana Backstrom (New Hire, Chief Deputy Tax Collector) at Step 432; Mackenzie Kelly (New Hire, Student Worker, \$12.00 per hour); **Youth Court:** Joy Faulkner (New Hire, Zero to Three Coordinator) at Step 368; **District Attorney’s Office:** Vicki Gilliam (Assistant District Attorney, Salary \$120,960.00 and Salary Supplement in the amount of \$6,000.00/yearly, effective January 1, 2024);

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

IX. CAROLINE GILBERT, TAX COLLECTOR

A.

Petitions for change of assessment on 2021, 2022 & 2023 Personal Property and 2023 Real Property Assessment Rolls

B.

Authority to void the supplemental chargeback for PPIN 68268; the PPIN has been reversed by the Mississippi Department of Revenue

C.

Authority to void 2023 Tax Bill for PPIN 85959; this property has an erroneous assessment as the parcel should have been deleted

D.

Authority to void and reissue 2023 Tax Bill for PPIN 3736; this Tax Bill was generated for 2023 for Richland Cleanup and has an erroneous assessment

E.

Authority to void 2023 Tax Bill for PPIN 4549, 4555, 4558, and 4559; these parcels belong to the City of Richland and are tax exempt

F.

Authority to void 2023 Tax Bill for PPIN 17611; this property has matured to the state and should not receive a Tax Bill

G.

Authority to void Tax Sale and 2023 Tax Bill for PPIN 3344 and to refund any tax sale purchasers; this PPIN had their homestead deleted in error and should have been tax exempt

X. MIKE HARRISON, ROAD MANAGER**A.**

Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0001650066 to construct an Underground Utility Cable along/across Wellington Way to be installed between HWY 471 and HWY 25 (District 2)

B.

Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0001402824 to construct an Underground Utility Cable along/across Bearing Way to be installed between Fountains Blvd and Burnett Drive (District 2)

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

Program Element No. 1.22 UT Mountain Creek Erosion Mitigation @ Foster Road - Approval of Pay Application No. 1 from S&S Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$18,620.00 and authority to issue check

B.

Program Element No. 1.23 Bank Stabilization @ White Road - Approval of Pay Application No. 2 from S&S Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$63,317.00 and authority to issue check

C.

Program Element No 1.21 UT Holcomb Branch @ Deer Valley Subdivision - Approval of Pay Application No 2 from Southeastern Pipeline and Environmental Services in the amount of \$115,615.00 and authority to issue the check

D.

Program Element No. 1.21 UT Holcomb Branch @ Deer Valley Subdivision - Approval of Contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$96,720.00 for additional items required to achieve proper bank stabilization and erosion mitigation on the project. This authorization is based upon the specific finding by the Board of Supervisors that (1) the contract changes are necessary and would better serve the purposes of the governing authority;

(2) the changes are reasonably within the scope of the original project; (3) the changes are commercially reasonable; and (4) the change order is not intended to circumvent the bid law

E.

Program Element No. 1.22 UT Mountain Creek Erosion Mitigation @ Foster Road - Approval of Contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$37,825.00 for additional items required to achieve proper bank stabilization and erosion mitigation on the project. This authorization is based upon the specific finding by the Board of Supervisors that (1) the contract changes are necessary and would better serve the purposes of the governing authority; (2) the changes are reasonably within the scope of the original project; (3) the changes are commercially reasonable; and (4) the change order is not intended to circumvent the bid law

F.

Andrew Jackson Circle Improvements - Approval of Contract Change Order No. 2 (Summary) in the amount of \$30,650.95 for aligning estimated quantities with final in-place quantities, including the cost of utility relocation, additional asphalt at the railway crossing required by CN, and additional undercut and backfill. This authorization is based upon the specific finding by the Board of Supervisors that (1) the contract changes are necessary and would better serve the purposes of the governing authority; (2) the changes are reasonably within the scope of the original project; (3) the changes are commercially reasonable; and (4) the change order is not intended to circumvent the bid law

G.

Andrew Jackson Circle Improvements - Approval of Pay Application No. 6 (Final Pay Application) from Hemphill Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$197,626.17 and authority to issue the check.

XII. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A.

Set Public Hearing for January 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for Mudbugs 047 Conditional Use Permit, 1301-A Old Fannin Road (District 2)

B.

Set Public Hearing for January 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for Chillin Creamery Conditional Use Permit, 1301-B Old Fannin Road (District 2)

C.

Set Public Hearing for February 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for Iana Gilder Conditional Use Permit, 204 Meadow Lark Drive (District 5)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

D.

Public Hearing for Stephen Henderson Conditional Use Permit, 115 Ed Spann Road (District 4)

1. Action on Stephen Henderson

E.

Public Hearing for M3 Land, LLC. Conditional Use Permit, Highway 25 (District 4)

1. Action on M3 Land, LLC

F.

Public Hearing for LaMiracle Collier Conditional Use Permit, 176 King Collier Road (District 4)

1. Action on LaMiracle Collier

G.

Public Hearing for Sidney Coke Conditional Use Permit, Star Road (District 1)

1. Action on Sidney Coke

H.

Public Hearing for Dillon Walker Rezoning Request, Levi Cooper Road (District 3)

1. Action on Dillon Walker

I.

Public Hearing for Rankin County's Stormwater Management Plan

OTHER

J. Presentation of proposed Zoning Amendments by CMPDD

K.

Acceptance of petition from county resident Kerry Gibson (Parcel ID I10-136; property address 162 Marsman Road, Brandon, MS 39047) to abandon public road segment labeled road right-of-way for Marsman Road as reflected on county tax map but not paved and not maintained by Rankin County. Authority to publish notice of public hearing for January 16, 2024

L.

Authority of Board President to execute interlocal agreement between City of Pearl and Rankin County, Mississippi, regarding support for retaining minor league baseball at Trustmark Park

M.

Consideration of, and potential action to adopt, RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE CITY OF RICHLAND, MISSISSIPPI IN THE ISSUANCE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING BONDS OF SAID CITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) TO FINANCE THE COST OF INSTALLING AND CONSTRUCTING CERTAIN IMPROVMENTS FOR RICHLAND UPTOWN, A RETAIL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN SAID CITY AND COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO MUNICIPALITIES BY THE LEGISLATURE WITH RESPECT TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 45 OF TITLE 21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE RICHLAND UPTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS A PROJECT ELIGIBLE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID ACT AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR SUCH PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. Authority to publish notice of public hearing

N.

Discussion of unpaid escaped personal property tax obligations owed by Symmetry Energy Solutions and customers of Symmetry Energy Solutions to Rankin County for tax years 2017-2022. Discussion of Symmetry offer to compromise. Contingent upon Board action, authority to retain special litigation counsel, Brunini Law Firm, to pursue litigation to collect full amount of all obligations owed by Symmetry Energy Solutions to Rankin County. Authority to return check to Symmetry Energy Solutions and continuation of accrued interest and penalties associated with unpaid tax obligations pursuant to Mississippi law

O.

Authority to publish notice to bidders ARPA Program Element 5.09 - Oak Grove Ditch Bank Stabilization and Hydraulic Restoration

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

UT Neely Creek Ditch Flood Impacts Project (ARPA) - Approval of Pay Application No. 3 to Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$992,144.54 and authority to issue check

B.

Authority to Renew Medical Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield and Reunion Health Services/Sirius as the Reinsurance Under the Agent Mickey Watkins

C.

Discussion of and potential action on BCBS amendments for 2024 self-funded plan

D.

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

E.

Authority to advertise for bids for Additional Alternate County Depositories for a three (3) Year Term Ending December 2026

XIV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A.** Discussion of county office space

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**XVI. ADJOURN**