



Rankin County Board of Supervisors

211 East Government Street
Brandon, MS 39042
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Work Session
~ Minutes ~

Larry Swales
Chancery Clerk

Thursday, February, 29, 2024 9:00 AM Rankin Board Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
- II. INVOCATION
Board Attorney Craig Slay
- 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 February 29, 2024 at Rankin Board Room, 211 East Government Street, Suite A, Brandon, MS.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Steve Gaines	President	Present	
Brad Calhoun	Vice President	Present	
Sid Scarbrough	Supervisor District 1	Present	
Scott Berry	Supervisor District 2	Present	
Jay Bishop	Supervisor District 5	Present	
Craig Slay	Board Attorney	Present	
Keith Hicks	County Administrator	Present	
Mark S Scarborough	Chancery Clerk	Present	

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
- VI. STACI MCNINCH, TAX ASSESSOR

A. Authority to publish Homestead Exemption Public Notice Deadline in the Rankin County News for the week of March 13, 2024

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brad Calhoun, Vice President
SECONDER:	Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
AYES:	Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

- VII. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY
 - A. Discussion regarding adoption of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the proposed Flood Preservation Overlay District
* David Wade & Gray Ouzts representing CMPDD, present for discussion

B. Adoption of Resolution of Support for Local and Private Legislation Providing for enabling legislation to establish a county-wide storm water management district for Rankin County

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2
SECONDER: Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

C. Adoption of Resolution Supporting Local and Private Legislation providing for continuation of minor league baseball at Trustmark Park in City of Pearl and Rankin County

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough, Supervisor District 1
AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

VIII. KEITH HICKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. Authority for the Sheriff’s Office to apply for the JAG Law Enforcement Grant to purchase body worn camera equipment

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2
SECONDER: Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5
AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

B. Amendment of prior authority for Raymond Duke to attend the FBI Hall of Honor Ceremony on March 2 - 7, 2024, in Quantico, Virginia, adding two additional days of travel at no expense to the county, and authority to pay any travel related expenses

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Steve Gaines, President
SECONDER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2
AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

C. Authorization of County Administrator to control access and administer use of Fuelman account

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Steve Gaines, President
SECONDER: Brad Calhoun, Vice President
AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

D. Discussion of and potential action regarding Purchase Clerk position

RESULT: NO ACTION

E. Discussion of and potential action regarding Community Development Director position

RESULT: NO ACTION

F. Review of Agendas for March 4, 2024

IX. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Discussion of, and potential action, regarding additional legislative requests. Authority to approve additional legislative requests for the dead fall issue (trees fallen in county right of way) and Florence Byram Parkway
- RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough, Supervisor District 1

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun, Vice President

AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop
- B. Motion to add "Authority to file a lawsuit, if needed, to collect over payments paid to Vulcan Materials, Co., for fuel surcharges that were charged inappropriately to the county." to the agenda
- RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Vice President

SECONDER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2

AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop
- C. Authority to file a lawsuit, if needed, to collect over payments paid to Vulcan Materials, Co., for fuel surcharges that were charged inappropriately to the county

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Vice President

SECONDER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2

AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Vice President

SECONDER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2

AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

- B. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Vice President

SECONDER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2

AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

- C. Motion to come out of Executive Session

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jay Bishop, Supervisor District 5

SECONDER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2

AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

- D. Outcome of Executive Session
- No action taken

XI. Motion to ADJOURN

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Brad Calhoun, Vice President
SECONDER: Scott Berry, Supervisor District 2
AYES: Gaines, Calhoun, Scarbrough, Berry, Bishop

This the 29th Day of February, 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Gaines".

**STEVE GAINES, PRESIDENT
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark S. Scarborough".

MARK S. SCARBOROUGH, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PASSAGE OF LOCAL AND PRIVATE
LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A COUNTY-WIDE
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY WITHIN RANKIN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, stormwater accumulation and runoff can pose a significant threat to the health and safety of residents of this state and, further, that serious problems of water management resulting from erosion, floodwater, or sediment damages are arising in the watersheds of the rivers and streams of the state; and

WHEREAS, Rankin County, Mississippi, and the municipalities within Rankin County, as the home of the Ross Barnett Reservoir, a significant segment of the Pearl River, and various other natural and man-made bodies of water, have endured significant stormwater accumulation, runoff, and flooding problems over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Rankin County's stormwater accumulation and runoff have rapidly increased and have led to significant damage to roads, bridges, and commercial and residential structures and property and, further, has placed at risk the lives and safety of individuals trapped in the stormwater's path; and

WHEREAS, the unincorporated portion of Rankin County is densely populated, with Supervisor District Two alone serving as the home to more than 27,718 residents, which, if this area were a municipality, would be the tenth most populous municipality in the state; and

WHEREAS, due to limitations set forth in the Mississippi Constitution, the Rankin County Board of Supervisors, like other boards of supervisors, possesses limited authority to address stormwater within its geographical boundaries; and

WHEREAS, although Mississippi law currently authorizes the establishment of drainage districts and other similar entities, those organizations are insufficient for many areas of the state, including Rankin County, where stormwater, for its best and most effective management, must be addressed at the watershed level; and

WHEREAS, with the high volume of platted subdivisions in unincorporated portions of Rankin County, there being no municipal government to address the resulting stormwater problems, a separate governmental organization is required to adequately manage stormwater in a uniform and holistic manner; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of alleviating such damages and risks and for the purpose of furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water, thereby preserving and protecting Rankin County's land and water resources, it is necessary for the governing authorities of Rankin County, the municipalities within Rankin County, and the Richland Creek Watershed Drainage District to establish a county-wide stormwater management agency with the power to construct, operate, and maintain works of improvement needed to carry out such purposes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Rankin County Board of Supervisors that, given the significant stormwater accumulation and runoff experienced by residents of Rankin County, the presence of the Ross Barnett Reservoir and the Pearl River in Rankin County, the large population of

residents within the unincorporated portions of Rankin County and the resulting expansive property development, the Rankin County Board of Supervisors expresses its full support for Local and Private Legislation authorizing the governing authorities of Rankin County, the municipalities within Rankin County, and the Richland Creek Watershed Drainage District to establish a county-wide stormwater management agency to manage stormwater, thereby protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Rankin County and the municipalities within Rankin County.

SO RESOLVED and made effective this the 29th day of February 2024.

Steve Gaines
BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Changery Clerk
CLERK OF THE BOARD



BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND TRUSTMARK PARK AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT, INCREASED TOURISM, AND OTHER BENEFITS TO THE WELFARE OF CITIZENS OF RANKIN COUNTY RESULTING FROM MAINTAINING THE PRESENCE OF A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM IN RANKIN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Rankin County Board of Supervisors hereby finds that economic development and tourism are vital to the welfare of Rankin County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the development of Trustmark Park, Bass Pro Shops, and other properties located in the City of Pearl, Mississippi, has spurred additional development directly adjacent to those facilities, including The Outlets of Mississippi, Sam's Club, and numerous other retail locations, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors to Rankin County annually; and

WHEREAS, Trustmark Park is a world-class athletic facility that serves as the home of minor league baseball and hosts athletic events featuring Mississippi high school and college athletes, including the annual Governor's Cup, all of which are enjoyed by tens of thousands of fans annually; and

WHEREAS, Trustmark Park has served as a critical source of hospitality, family entertainment and commerce for Rankin County citizens and has attracted visitors from across the state and region, resulting in a significant economic impact on the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, retaining this development is of substantial importance to Rankin County, municipalities within Rankin County, and the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Rankin County Board of Supervisors proudly supports the Mississippi Braves and takes great pride in having, in Rankin County, such a highly-regarded team and catalyst of economic development and tourism; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Rankin County Board of Supervisors that, given the significant benefits enjoyed by the citizens of Rankin County, municipalities within Rankin County, and the state of Mississippi, tied to having minor league baseball at Trustmark Park, and the economic development and tourism spurred from activities at or near Trustmark Park, the Rankin County Board of Supervisors finds that the presence of minor league baseball and Trustmark Park in Rankin County enhances the welfare of the Citizens of Rankin County, and for this reason, the Rankin County Board of Supervisors expresses its continued support for minor league baseball and Trustmark Park.

SO RESOLVED and made effective this the 29th day of February 2024.


BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


CLERK OF THE BOARD





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BRYAN BAILEY
SHERIFF OF RANKIN COUNTY

February 26, 2024

Board of Supervisors
211 E. Government Street, Suite A
Brandon, MS 39042

RE: F.B.I. Hall of Honor Ceremony/Chapter Leadership Summit

Dear Board Members:

We are asking for board approval to extend Raymond Dukes travel to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He will attend Randy Tyler's induction into the FBI N.A. Hall of Honor on March 5th. Raymond will travel March 2 and return March 7. Raymond while in Quantico will attend the Chapter Leadership Summit. The FBI NAA will pay for the hotel stay and two meals a day. This trip was originally approved by the board with dates of March 3 through 6th. He now will go March 2 through the 7th and attend the Chapter Leadership Summit. If approved Raymond would use his County issued credit card for room, and board, gas will be put on his fuel man card.

Thank you.

Dwayne Thornton
Undersheriff



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BRYAN BAILEY
SHERIFF OF RANKIN COUNTY

January 29, 2024

Board of Supervisors
211 E. Government Street, Suite A
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RE: F.B.I. Hall of Honor Ceremony

Dear Board Members:

We are asking for board approval to send Raymond Duke to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He will attend Randy Tyler's induction into the FBI N.A. Hall of Honor on March 5th. Raymond will travel March 3 and return March 6. If approved Raymond would use his County issued credit card for room, board, And gas will be put on his fuel man card.

Thank you.


Dwayne Thornton
Undersheriff

Sent to
BoS
1-29-24

Dwayne Thornton

From: Raymond Duke <REDUKE@fbi.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 9:55 AM
To: Dwayne Thornton
Subject: FW: Leadership Conference

My travel request for Quantico was to leave on Sunday, March 3 and return March 5 for Randy Tyler's Hall of Honor induction. The FBI National Academy has a Chapter Leadership Summit (CLS) every year and pays for two Chapter Officers to attend. I was not originally going to attend, but Chief Wildridge from Ridgeland has had to cancel, and I have been asked to take his slot at the CLS. I am requesting to have my travel request altered where I leave on Saturday March 2 and start the return home on Thursday March 7. The FBI NAA will be paying the hotel stay and two meals a day while I'm at Quantico. The county will be responsible for a hotel stay on March 2, and possibly on March 7. The county will also be responsible for up to four meals and any other unexpected travel related expenses that may occur. I plan to travel via a county vehicle so fuel will be on a Fuelman card. So the only financial change for the county is possibly a couple of extra meals. The hotel stays and travel cost remains the same.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks

Raymond Duke
 FBI Task Force Officer
 Complex Financial Crimes Task Force
 Desk 601-713-7207
 Cell 601-521-2419



From: Angie Wier <awier@fbinaa.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:11 AM
To: Duke, Raymond E. (JN) (TFO) <REDUKE@fbi.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Leadership Conference

Thank you. We will get everything processed and have a dorm ready for you from Sunday-Thursday.

Please let me know if you have specific questions. There has been so much info distributed, I am not sure how much has made your way.

Thanks!



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February 29, 2024

Fuelman
PO Box 1239
Covington, LA 70434

RE: Account # 126276

To whom it may concern:

The Rankin County Board of Supervisors has authorized a change of administrator for the Fuelman account in Rankin County Board of Supervisors, account number 126276. The current information on this account is:

Rankin County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Brigitte Herring/Maria Blankenship
215 E Government St
Brandon, MS 39042

Email: bherring@rankincounty.org

Rankin County hereby request the administrator be changed to:

Keith Hicks
Same address

Email: khicks@rankincounty.org
Phone: 601-825-9224

This change is required due to Brigitte Herring no longer being employed by Rankin County and no other person is set up to administer the account. Please expedite this request to change the administrator as no one is currently able to make changes or additions to the account.

Keith Hicks
Rankin County Administrator