



AGENDA
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SID SCARBROUGH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING
JANUARY 5, 2026 - 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION

- A. Jane Wheaten, addressed the board regarding issues with a delinquent waste management bill
- B. Resolution Commending and Congratulating the Rankin County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Cody Rayborn for Heroic and Life-Saving Actions

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes Approval

- A. December 15, 2025

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items will be considered together and will be approved on a single motion. Any Supervisor desiring to remove an item for separate consideration should so request before approval of the agenda. Discussion items will be considered separately.

1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Approval of Budget Amendment for EOC to transfer between line items for Motorola Drone Services agreement, no increase

AGREEMENTS

- A. Authorization for Rankin County Youth Court Judge or other proper person to execute agreement between Rankin County Youth Court and University of Southern Mississippi for Experiential Internship Program whereby by enrolled college students participate in programming hosted by Youth Court further to their program of college study. There is no cost to

Rankin County for participation

- B. Approval of Amended Agreement for Services Between Rankin County and Stantec, Inc., Providing for Small Increases in Professional Service Rates Effective Until December 31, 2026, and Authority for Board President to Execute Amended Agreement
- C. Authority of Board President of other appropriate county representative to execute Payment Agreement between Rankin County and Howard Technologies for purchase of Information Technology products. Authority to issue payment for same upon receipt of invoices
- D. Authorization for Board President to execute Board Order ratifying court action against Southern Rankin Water Association, Inc. to collect all amounts owed to Rankin County for relocation of water line infrastructure out of the county's public right of way along Gunter Road in unincorporated Rankin County

OTHER

- A. Acknowledgment of receipt of Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 25-036-ER from the Mississippi Ethics Commission

2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CHECKS:

MEMBERSHIP DUES and TRAINING CONFERENCES

- A. Authority to pay On-Site COA Certification fees in the amount of \$18,409.00 for three (3) Sheriff Deputies to receive certification to fly drones, in restricted or unrestricted space and authority to issue check
- B. Authority to pay licenses renewal fees for the Board of Professional Polygraph Examiners in the amount of \$100.00 each for Fred Lovett, Tyler Burnell, and Willard Holifield and authority to issue check
- C. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$4,350.00 for five (5) Supervisors, Road Manager, County Administrator, Comptroller, and Assistant Comptroller to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) Mid-Winter Conference on February 4 – 6, 2026, in Flowood, MS and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- D. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$300.00 each for Brian Grantham and Justin Allen to attend the Partners in Preparedness Conference on March 3 – 6, 2026, in Biloxi, MS and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses and authority to travel in county vehicle

OTHER

- A. Authority to reimburse Wiltz Cutrer in the amount of \$229.95 for payment of renewal of Private Registration Service (Network Solutions) for the County's Domain for a term of 5 years and authority to issue check
- B. Authority to approve Shred-It Purge Request from Chancery Court and authority for Board President to execute Work Order Agreement and authority to issue check upon receipt of invoice

3. Authority to approve the following Inventory Changes:

- A. Approval to Remove 1-Glock 17 9MM Semi Auto Pistol Serial #BGSX879, Inventory Asset #12957, from the Sheriff's Department Inventory and Sell the Retiree's Weapon to Retiring Officer Heath Grice, Retiring December 31, 2025, in Compliance of MS Code Ann. §45-9-131

4. Authority to approve the following Personnel Recommendations:

- A. **Board of Supervisors Office:** Natalie Griffith (New Hire, Part Time Administrative Assistant) at Step 287; **Circuit Clerk's Office:** Abbie Childers (Salary Increase) at Step 389; Kirby Henderson (Salary Increase) at Step 440; Vicki Wilson (Salary Increase) at Step 389;

5. Record various documents to be made a permanent part of the minutes

VI. CAROLINE GILBERT, TAX COLLECTOR

- A. Authority to void the homestead chargeback for PPIN 27068 and authority to apply what was paid for the chargeback in 2024 to the tax bill for 2025; the chargeback was erroneously placed by the Department of Revenue
- B. Authority to delete the property account and void mobile home taxes for the 2025 and 2026 Mobile Home Tax Years for Mobile Home Account 26528; this mobile home was moved out of the county in 2024

VII. STACI MCNINCH, TAX ASSESSOR

- A. Petitions to adjust 2025 Homestead Exemption Supplemental Roll
- B. Petitions for change of assessment on 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 Personal Property Assessments
- C. Authority for the Tax Assessor to contract for Professional Services with Dallas Printing for the printing and mailing of Rankin County Homestead Renewal Cards and Personal Property Renditions for the 2026 tax year and authority for Harris Computers to export data into

files for Dallas Printing

VIII. CARLA CARTER, ASSISTANT PURCHASE CLERK

A. Award Term Bids for the Unit System:

1. Polypropylene Culverts

IX. TIM PARKER, COUNTY ENGINEER

- A. Bay Castle – Approval of Preliminary Plat (Districts 2 & 4)
- B. Townsend Place – Approval of Final Plat (District 1)
- C. Belle Chasse – Approval of a reduction in the letter of credit from \$148,620 to \$16,500 (District 2)
- D. Authority to Advertise – Old Highway 49 Overlay (District 1)
- E. Demolition of Former Brandon Cement Plant – Discussion and Potential Action (District 3)
- F. CMPDD Call for Projects – Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Discussion and Potential Action

X. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

- A. Consideration of and potential action regarding authorization of project engineer, Benchmark Engineering, to prepare and submit an application for an award of federal funding to the United States Department of Transportation under the “Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program.”
The application will request an award of \$19,000,000.00, with 80% of the funding being provided by the US Dept. of Transportation and 20% being funded by Rankin County. If the grant is awarded, Rankin County will be required to pay \$3.8 million as the local share
- B. Acknowledgment of receipt of invoice submitted by Bloomfield Equities, owner of the Minor League Baseball Stadium in the City of Pearl, Rankin County, for annual financial support in the amount of \$400,000 as authorized by the Mississippi Legislature in Senate Bill 3060 approved during the 2024 Legislative Session and signed by the Governor. Authority to issue check
- C. Authority for Board President to execute Utility Relocation Agreement between Rankin County and Entergy for the relocation of electric utility infrastructure in proximity to the Rankin County I-20 Connector Loop Grade Separation Element at Mississippi Highway 18 Bypass and Meridian Speedway Railway intersection. This agreement provides for reimbursement to Entergy for the cost to relocate electric infrastructure that is in conflict with the grade separation element. The estimated cost of utility relocation is \$687,745. The funds to pay for this reimbursement is available to Rankin County through multiple federal appropriations and state

appropriations received in prior funding cycles for the Rankin County I-20 Connector Loop Project. Authority of County Administrator to issue payment for all costs associated with the agreement upon receipt of invoices for the work performed

- D. Discussion of written request for waiver of subrogation from Blue Cross Blue Shield related to county employee that incurred medical costs paid by the Rankin County employee health insurance program in the amount of \$311.76 as a result of an injury sustained in an auto accident
- E. Authority to publish Notice of Request for Proposals, Fire Training Facility

XI. KEITH HICKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Authority for Board President and County Administrator to sign engagement letter with GranthamPoole, PLLC, for the FY2025 and FY2026 Audit
- B. Approval to Renew the Volunteer Fire and Fire Protection District Departments Workers Compensation Coverage with Liberty Mutual for the Period March 1, 2026, to March 1, 2027, in the amount of \$51,159.00 and Authority to issue check

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADDED ITEMS

- A. Motion to add the following:
 - 1. Discussion and potential action regarding current litigation with Southern Rankin Water Association
 - 2. Authority to amend the prior approved motion that related to CMPDD's Call for Projects
 - 3. Consideration of the potential resolution of a litigation matter involving "Schmidt"
 - 4. Consideration of the potential resolution of an eminent domain case involving "Womack"
- B. Authority to continue negotiations to potentially resolve the following disputed matter, Board of Supervisors vs. Southern Rankin Water Association, Case Number 22-CV-00943
- C. Authority to resolve a disputed litigation matter involving Alan Schmidt, authorizing legal counsel to enter into negotiations to resolve the disputed claim
- D. With respect to the court proceeding styled, 'Rankin County, Mississippi vs. Anthony Hoyt Womack, Melanie Jean Womack, Judy Gayle Womack McClure, and Mississippi Department of Revenue; In the County Court of Rankin County, Mississippi; Civil Action No.:25-1729', authority to resolve disputed claim for just compensation with

respect to the individual claims of Melanie Womack and Judy Gayle Womack McClure by way of administrative adjustment in the total amount of \$16,932.00, bringing total just compensation to be paid to Melanie Womack and Judy Gayle Womack McClure to \$260,000.00. Authority to issue payment of just compensation upon execution of, presentation of, and recording of appropriate instruments transferring all right, title and interest in and to the subject property to Rankin County, Mississippi

- E. Authority to amend the prior approved list for CMPDD's Call for Projects, removing Trickhambridge Road, at a 30% match, and replacing it with Fannin Landing Circle, at a 30% match
The list approved, with amendment, is as follows:
 - 1. East Metro Parkway, at a 20% match
 - 2. Fannin Landing Circle, at a 30% match
 - 3. Fox Hall Road Bridge, at a 20% match

XV. RECESS UNTIL 01/15/2026, AT 9:00 A.M.