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**RANKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Regular Board Meeting**

211 East Government  
Street  
Brandon, MS 39042

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

**~ Minutes ~  
9:00 AM**

**Admin  
Regular Board Meeting**

**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**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION**

None

**VI. BRIAN GRANTHAM, EOC DIRECTOR**

- A. Authority for the Board President to execute an agreement between Rankin County and Arndt Solutions Group for consultation services related to E911 Communications technology. The agreement provides for an hourly fee for services requested. If no services are requested, no fee is owed. The agreement covers a one-year period with provision for renewal. The agreement provides for 30-day termination upon notice after the first anniversary of the agreement.

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Jay Bishop

**SECONDER:** Phil Schoggen

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

**VII. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY**

Discussion of and potential action on bids received for the Tax Assessor/Collector Facility

Authority to award bid to BIG Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,995,000.00, as recommended by JH&H Architects

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Sid Scarbrough

**SECONDER:** Phil Schoggen

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

## **VIII. KEITH HICKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- A. Review of agendas for February 2, 2026

## **IX. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

- A. Motion to add:

Ratification of Rankin County's Declaration of Local Emergency

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Phil Schoggen

**SECONDER:** Brad Calhoun

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

- B. Ratification of the Declaration of Local Emergency, which was effective at midnight January 21, 2026. Authority to ratify the declaration to effectively end January 29, 2026, which was approved in preparation for the most recent winter storm.

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Sid Scarbrough

**SECONDER:** Steve Gaines

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

## **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to discuss the need to go into Executive Session

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Jay Bishop

**SECONDER:** Sid Scarbrough

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss current and potential litigation

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Jay Bishop

**SECONDER:** Sid Scarbrough

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

Motion to come out of Executive Session.

The record shows that there was no action taken during the Executive Session.

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Jay Bishop

**SECONDER:** Sid Scarbrough

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

## **XI. ADDED ITEMS**

- A. Motion to add the following to the agenda:

1. Authority to file suit against Uguster Jones for causing damage to a county vehicle

2. Authority to defend Case Number 26-93(M) filed in Rankin County Chancery Court

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Jay Bishop

**SECONDER:** Steve Gaines

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

B. Authority to file suit against Uguster Jones for causing damage to a county vehicle

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Phil Schoggen

**SECONDER:** Steve Gaines

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

C. Authority to defend Case Number 26-93(M) filed in Rankin County Chancery Court and to assign defense to Brunini Law Firm

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Jay Bishop

**SECONDER:** Steve Gaines

**AYES:** Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

\*Supervisor Bishop left the board meeting at 11:38 a.m.

D. Discussion with JH&H Architects regarding the plans for the new District Attorney's Office

**XII. ADJOURN**

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Phil Schoggen

**SECONDER:** Steve Gaines

**AYES:** Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

**ABSENT:** Jay Bishop

On this day, Thursday, January 29, 2026,



MARK S. SCARBOROUGH, CLERK OF THE BOARD

SID SCARBROUGH, PRESIDENT  
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS