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RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Regular Board Meeting

211 East Government
Street
Brandon, MS 39042

Friday, February 13, 2026

**~ Minutes ~
9:00 AM**

**Admin
Regular Board Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Meeting called to order on Friday, February 13, 2026, at Rankin Board Room, 211 East Government Street, Suite A, Brandon, MS.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Gaines	Supervisor Dist. 4	Present
Brad Calhoun	Supervisor Dist. 3	Present
Sid Scarbrough	President	Present
Phil Schoggen	Supervisor Dist. 2	Present
Jay Bishop	Supervisor Dist. 5	Present
Mark S. Scarborough	Chancery Clerk	Present
Craig Slay	Board Attorney	Present
Keith Hicks	Co. Administrator	Present

II. INVOCATION

Board Attorney, Craig Slay

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION

A. Rhonda Harris, 119 Houston Acres (District 1)

*Absent

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes Approval

A. February 2, 2026

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

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.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

**1. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:
FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Approval of claims docket in the amount of \$24,004,624.16
- B. Acknowledge receipt of Budget and Financial Reports for the month of January 2026
- C. Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in the Veterans Affairs Office for purchase of laptop
- D. Approval of Budget Amendment for an increase in State Drug budget for additional undercover operations account funding in the amount of \$2,000
- E. Acknowledgement receipt of the V Lakes Utility District Report on Audit of Financial Statements ending September 30, 2025

APPOINTMENTS

- F. Acknowledgement of Court Order Appointing Dana Gordon as temporary Court Reporter for Chancery Court for February 2 – 4, 2026

AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, LEASES, and UTILITY PERMITS

- G. Authority for Board Attorney to execute letter to MDOT providing permission for access to county property along the right of way of Mississippi Highway 25 near Pisgah Road as a part of a private property owner achieving an MDOT permit to access Highway 25 right of way from MDOT to develop property
- H. Authority to enter into a License Agreement with Baron Weather, Inc. for continued weather forecasting coverage in the amount of \$918/year and authority for the Board President to execute documents
- I. Authority for Emergency Operations to apply for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant in conjunction with the Local Emergency Planning Committee with a 20% match requirement if awarded and authority for Board President to execute documents
- J. Approval of Copier Contracts with RJ Young:

1. Chancery Court
2. Chancery Lands
3. SO Shop
4. EOC

- K. Approval of request from The Dragon Club for the FY 2026 Recreational Funds (District 4) in the amount of \$2,500.00 as authorized by HB1744 Regular Session; these funds will be used to build a fence around the softball field
- L. Approval of request from Discovery Christian School for the FY 2026 Recreational Funds (District 1) in the amount of \$6,966.06 as authorized by HB1744 Regular Session; these funds will be used to complete the dugout for the baseball field
- M. Request approval of Assignment of Residential Leasehold Interest Contract of the Sixteenth Section Lands between Rankin County Board of Education and Rhonda K. Ballard & Vickey Ray Ballard (Assignors) does hereby sell, convey, and warrant unto Cecil James Ballard (Assignee)
- N. Request approval of Assignment of Residential Leasehold Interest Contract of the Sixteenth Section Lands between Rankin County Board of Education and Nick & Jerilyn Kilgore (Assignors) does hereby sell, convey, and warrant unto Aaron Abott (Assignee)
- O. Approval of Quitclaim Deed of Leasehold Interest in Sixteenth Section Trust Lands is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Samuel and Chandra Shumate do hereby quitclaim and convey unto the Trustees for the Rankin County School District and their Successors in Office
- P. Request approval of Amendment to Farm 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 Samuel and Chandra Shumate (Lessee)
- Q. Approval of Quitclaim Deed of Leasehold Interest in Sixteenth Section Trust Lands is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Samuel and Chandra Shumate do hereby quitclaim and convey unto the Trustees for the Rankin County School District and their

Successors in Office

- R. Request approval of Assignment of Farm 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 Kiersten Wilburn (Lessee)
- S. Request approval of Assignment of Farm 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 Andrew Shumate (Lessee)
- T. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0001864161 to construct a fiber optic cable to be installed between Spillway Road and Village Square (Other County Road Involved: Northshore PKWY) (District 2 & 5)
- U. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002255154 to construct a fiber optic cable along/across Hinds Street (District 3)
- V. Request for approval of Delta Utilities Utility Permit No. 03-26-402 to construct a new gas line to be installed between Stronghold Drive and New Haven Lane (District 3)
- W. Request for approval of Delta Utilities Utility Permit No. 03-26-401 to construct a new gas line to be installed between Stronghold Drive and New Haven Lane (District 3)

2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CHECKS: DUES and TRAINING CONFERENCES

- A. Authority to pay 2026 Membership Dues for the International Association of Arson Investigators in the amount of \$128.00 for John Burt and authority to issue check
- B. Authority for Chad Callendar and Jeremiah Jordon to attend the Traumas of Law Enforcement Training on February 23 – 25, 2026, in Biloxi, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses
- C. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$275.00 for Brian Grantham to attend the National Hurricane Conference on March 30 – April 2, 2026, in Orlando, FL and authority to issue

check and pay any travel related expenses

- D. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$705.00 each and hotel fees in the amount of \$778.91 each for Julie Thompson, Jan Lewis, Gentri May, Linda Martin, and Destine Tune to attend the 42nd International Symposium on Child Abuse Conference on March 16 – 19, 2026, in Huntsville, AL and authority to issue checks and pay any travel related expenses

OTHER

- E. Authority to pay for a Complete Notary Kit, Seal and Bond for Monica Decell in the amount of \$178.00 and authority to issue check
- F. Authority to pay for a Complete Notary Kit, Seal and Bond for Amanda Prewitt in the amount of \$178.00 and authority to issue check
- G. Authority to pay for a Complete Notary Kit, Seal and Bond for Victoria Hicks in the amount of \$178.00 and authority to issue check
- H. Authority to pay invoice #90161109 from MLEOTA in the amount of \$40.00 for lunches provided to Christopher Cousins during the Interview & Interrogation Class

3. Authority to approve the following Inventory Changes:

- A. Approval of the following Inventory Changes to remove items from the county inventory that are broken or need to be disposed of (See attached list)

4. Authority to approve the following Personnel Recommendations:

- A. **Sheriff's Department:** Cheyenne Cotton (Promotion to Certified Dispatcher) at Step 377; Bailey Dupree (New Hire, Uncertified Detention Officer) at Step 332; Ben Schuler (New Hire, Part Time Community Service Deputy) at Step 431;
District Attorney's Office: Samuel Philip Goff (New Hire, Assistant District Attorney)

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

VI. STACI MCNINCH, TAX ASSESSOR

A. Petitions to adjust 2025 Homestead Exemption Supplemental Roll

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

B. Petitions for change of assessment on 2025 Real and Personal Property Assessments

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

C. Authority to publish Homestead Exemption Public Notice Deadline in the Rankin County News for the week of March 11 and March 18, 2026

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

VII. TIM PARKER, COUNTY ENGINEER

A. New Haven, Phase 3 – Approval of Final Plat and LOC in the amount of \$188,480.00 (District 3)

No Action Taken

B. LSBP 61(7) – Authority to Advertise (District 1)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

VIII. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

Motion to add the following:

Authorization for the Board President to execute a Final Settlement Agreement between Rankin County and Southern Rankin Water Association with respect to the matter styled, "Rankin County, Mississippi vs. Southern Rankin Water Association"; In the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi; Cause No.: 22-94

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

NAYES: Jay Bishop

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RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Sid Scarbrough
SECONDER: Brad Calhoun
AYES: Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen
NAYES: Jay Bishop

Set Public Hearings:

- A. Set Public Hearing for February 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Carly & Brandon Moore Nuisance Property, 124 Tiffany Circle (District 4)

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Phil Schoggen
SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough
AYES: Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

- B. Set Public Hearing for March 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Kimberly Hobson Conditional Use Permit, Grants Ferry Road (District 5)

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Brad Calhoun
SECONDER: Steve Gaines
AYES: Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

- C. Set Public Hearing for March 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Scotty Bridges Dimensional Variance, Buckshadow Lane (District 5)

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Brad Calhoun
SECONDER: Steve Gaines
AYES: Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

- D. Set Public Hearing for March 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Pinelake Church, Inc. Conditional Use Permit, 1572 Highway 471 (District 4)

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Brad Calhoun
SECONDER: Steve Gaines
AYES: Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

IX. KEITH HICKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Approval to certify the MS Department of Revenue's order approving real and personal property rolls for 2025

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Phil Schoggen
SECONDER: Steve Gaines
AYES: Jay Bishop, Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen

- B. Motion to add the following:

Authorization for the proper person on behalf of Rankin County to execute all agreements required by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency to provide Next Generation 911 Funds to Rankin County, Mississippi

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Steve Gaines

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

- C. Authorization for the proper person on behalf of Rankin County to execute all agreements required by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency to provide Next Generation 911 Funds to Rankin County, Mississippi

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Steve Gaines

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Steve Gaines

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

- B. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, potential acquisition of property, and potential litigation

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

- C. Motion to come out of Executive Session

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

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Supervisor Bishop left the board meeting at 11:58 a.m.

- B. Motion to add the following items:

1. Authorization to extend an offer to purchase property in Rankin County, identified as parcel F7-21
2. Authorization to extend an offer to purchase 10 acres of property in Rankin County, identified as parcel H8L-3-10
3. Authorization to approve five (5) separate Memorandums of

Understanding (MOU) with four surrounding Sheriff's Offices and Jackson State University

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Brad Calhoun
SECONDER: Steve Gaines
AYES: Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen
ABSENT: Jay Bishop

- C. Authorization to extend an offer to purchase property in Rankin County, identified as parcel F7-21, at the agreed upon amount

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Steve Gaines
SECONDER: Phil Schoggen
AYES: None
ABSENT: Jay Bishop

- D. Authorization to extend an offer to purchase 10 acres of property in Rankin County, identified as parcel H8L-3-10, for the agreed upon amount discussed in Executive Session

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Steve Gaines
SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough
AYES: Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen
ABSENT: Jay Bishop

- E. Authorization for Rankin County Sheriff's Office to enter into agreements with Itawamba County Sheriff's Office, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office, Jones County Sheriff's Office, and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, to provide assistance with interdiction activity, and with Jackson State University to utilize the University's Intern Program to train students in law enforcement

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Brad Calhoun
SECONDER: Steve Gaines
AYES: Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen
ABSENT: Jay Bishop

XII. RECESS UNTIL FEBRUARY 26, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Steve Gaines
SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough
AYES: Steve Gaines, Brad Calhoun, Sid Scarbrough, Phil Schoggen
ABSENT: Jay Bishop

On this day, Friday, February 13, 2026,



Sid Scarbrough

SID SCARBROUGH, PRESIDENT
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark S. Scarbrough

MARK S. SCARBOROUGH, CLERK OF THE BOARD