



AGENDA
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SID SCARBROUGH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING
MARCH 16, 2026 - 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION

- A. Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team on their 2026 MHSAA Class 5A State Championship (District 1)
- B. Resolution Commending and Congratulating Rankin County Emergency Operations Center on Being Awarded the Regroup Readiness Award for 2025
- C. Crystal Brown, presented a proposal for an application process for the creation of private cemeteries in Rankin County
- D. Mickey Watkins, McGriff Insurance

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Minutes Approval
March 2, 2026

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 claims docket in the amount of \$13,772,153.46
- B. Acknowledge receipt of Budget and Financial Reports for the month of February, 2026
- C. Approval to correct payment of PO #2600331, check #16929, from fund 150 to fund 335, and to make appropriate bank

transfer from the 2025 GO Bond bank account into the General Fund bank account in the amount of \$58,195.00

- D. Approval of interfund transfer of interest earned in the amount of \$396.30 in the Community Bank Line of Credit Fund 210 to the General County Fund 001
- E. Approval of Budget Amendment for the Fire Fund to transfer between line items for purchase of Fire/EMS reporting software, no increase

AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, and UTILITY PERMITS

- F. Authority for Board Attorney to complete, sign and return the required documentation that will allow for Rankin County, Mississippi, to participate in the National Opioid Settlement Program with respect to a settlement with "6 Remnant Defendants" (distributors of opioid pharmaceuticals). By virtue of this action, Rankin County will receive future settlement proceeds, the total of which is presently unknown, to be distributed to counties and municipalities throughout the United States using a system of equitable distribution to be determined by a federal court
- G. Authority to apply for the MDEQ Non-Competitive Grant (Local Solid Waste Assistance) in the amount of \$31,330.00 and authority for Board President to execute documents
- H. Authority to enter into a yearly contract with ImageTrend Software for Fire and EMS Incident Reporting Services for the county's Volunteer Fire Departments, effective April 1, 2026 until terminated by either party after the first year of the agreement upon sixty (60) days' notice and authority for Board President to execute documents
- I. Authority to Renew Professional Service Contract with ChemPro Services, LLC, for Chemical Control Applications on Public Road Rights of Way and Authority for Board President to Execute Documents
- J. Authority for the Sheriff's Department to enter into a yearly agreement with Insight, LPR, Inc. for data storage for the License Plate Reader Cameras that the Sheriff's Department is currently utilizing and authority for the Sheriff to execute documents
- K. Request approval of Contractual Agreement between Rankin County and Deanco Auctions to sell surplus vehicles and equipment on March 25th & 26th, 2026, in Philadelphia, MS

- L. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002331670 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across E Harper Street (District 1)
- M. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002331680 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across Rockwood Road (Other County Roads Involved: Shady Hill Dr., Loflin Rd., Dixie Rd., Front St., Muse Rd., Star Hill Dr., and Wesleyanna St.) (District 1)
- N. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002255140 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across 3715 Highway 471 (District 2)
- O. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002356050 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across Marc Walling Street (District 3)
- P. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002253483 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across Kendalls Cove and Cannon Drive (District 3)
- Q. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002254210 to construct an Aerial Coax Cable at 237 Andrew Chapel Road (District 4)
- R. Request for approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002254197 to construct a Fiber Cable at 138 Pole Bridge Road (District 4)
- S. Request for approval of CSpire Utility Permit No. "Vintner's Crossing Addition" to construct a Fiber Cable along/across Vine Drive to be installed between Oakville Circle and Silverado Trail (District 2)
- T. Request for approval of Windstream Utility Permit No. 703760098-52097 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across 531 Jerusalem Church Road (District 1)
- U. Request for approval of Windstream Utility Permit No. 703760098-52920 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across 112 Thomas Lane (District 1)
- V. Request for approval of Windstream Utility Permit No. 703760098-51917 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across 632 Foster Road (District 1)
- W. Request for approval of Windstream Utility Permit No. 749552395-49429 to construct a Fiber Cable along/across Lake Road (Other County Roads Involved: Campground Rd., Lakeshore Rd., Scott Rd., and Leesburg Rd.) (District 4)

- X. Request for approval of Windstream Utility Permit No. 749552393-50076 to construct a Fiber Cable to be installed between 1061 Barker Road and Old Highway 80 (District 4)
- Y. Request for approval of Delta Utilities Utility Permit No. 03-26-403 to construct a Gas Line to be installed between Jamison Court and Highway 468 (District 3)
- Z. Request for approval of Delta Utilities Utility Permit No. 04-26-400 to construct a New Gas Line to be installed between Stull Road and Freedom Farms Crossing (District 4)
- AA. Request for approval of Delta Utilities Utility Permit No. 04-26-401 to construct a Gas Line to be installed between Holly Bush Road and Holly Bush Place (District 4)

OTHER

- BB. Acknowledgment of the new additions to the Rankin County School District (RCSD) Bus Turn Around(s) Master List to repair/construct school bus driveways and turnarounds (see attached list)
- CC. Ratification of Initiation of Outdoor Burn Ban effective March 3, 2026 through April 3, 2026, as recommended to Rankin County by the Mississippi Forestry Commission. This outdoor burn ban shall automatically expire without further action of the Board of Supervisors on April 3, 2026, unless the Board of Supervisors acts to extend the outdoor burn ban

2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CHECKS: DUES and TRAINING CONFERENCES

- A. Authority for up to three (3) employees with the Sheriff's Department to attend the 2026 Summer MS Sheriff's Conference on June 1 – 5, 2026, in Biloxi, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses
- B. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$350.00 each for Napoleon Valino and Lee Nordan to attend the Field Training Officer Class on April 14 – 16, 2026, in Camp Shelby, MS and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- C. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$445.00 each for Brad Turner and Kristen Arendale to attend the Sexual Assault Investigation Class on November 12 – 13, 2026, in Orange Beach, AL and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- D. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$445.00 each for Tyler Burnell and Christopher Cousins to attend the Internal

Affairs Investigations: Complaint and Procedural Responsibilities Course on October 26 – 27, 2026, at MLEOTA and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses

- E. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$295.00 for Deon Allen to attend the First Line Supervisor Class on July 7 – 9, 2026, at MLEOTA and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- F. Authority for Hunter Lewis to attend the Interview and Interrogation Class on July 1 – 5, 2026, in Meridian, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses
- G. Authority for John Burt, Justin Barnette, and Dustin Smith to attend the Fundamentals of Search and Rescue (FUNSAR) class on April 20 – 24, 2026, in Meridian, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses
- H. Authority for Dustin Smith, Hunter Lewis, and Lance Cooper to travel to Seattle, WA on March 23 – 25, 2026 for a demo of drones offered by Brinc, Inc. and authority to pay any travel related expenses
- I. Authority to pay 2026 Mississippi Association of Code Enforcement (M.A.C.E) Membership Dues in the amount of \$150.00 for GColbe Smith and authority to issue check
- J. Authority to pay hotel fees in the amount of \$675.63 for Ashley Haddox to attend the 2024 IRC Zoning Inspector Training Course on April 20 – 24, 2026, in Mobile, AL and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- K. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$150.00 for Anthony Guy to attend the Commercial Plumbing Inspector Training Course on April 19 – 24, 2026, in Mobile, AL and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- L. Authority to pay 2026 Designation Program Maintenance Fees for the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) in the amount of \$170.00 for David Gunter and authority to issue check
- M. Authority to pay 2025-2026 membership dues for the Mississippi Association of County Administrators and Comptrollers (MACAC) in the amount of \$75.00 each for Keith Hicks, Wanda Martin, Rebekah Whittington and authority to issue check
- N. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$575.00 for Jay Bishop to attend the National Association of Counties Annual Conference on July 17 – 20, 2026, in New Orleans, LA, and

authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses

- O. Authority to pay 2026 Mississippi Women for Agriculture Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$25.00 for Heather Jennings and authority to issue check
- P. Authority to pay the Rankin County Master Gardeners Membership Dues in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Donna Beliech and authority to issue check

Other

- Q. Authority to issue check to the Rankin County Livestock Association for Premiums and Expenses for the 2026 Rankin County Livestock Show in the amount of \$22,396.17
- R. Authority to reimburse Jeremy Vertucci in the amount of \$362.73 for the registration fees for the Online National USPAP Course MS-Appraisal Qualifying Education and authority to issue check
- S. Authority to issue check in the amount of \$218,975.00 to Cleary Volunteer Fire Department for Additional Support for the construction of new volunteer fire station

3. Authority to approve the following Inventory Changes:

- A. Authority of the following inventory changes to add items and to remove items from the county inventory that are broken or obsolete and to surplus items (see attached list)

4. Authority to approve the following Personnel

Recommendations:

Sheriff's Department: Kristen Arendale (Promotion to Juvenile Investigations) at Step 440; Dustin Smith (Promotion to Criminal Investigations) at Step 435;

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

VI. BRETT ISHEE, FIRE COORDINATOR

- A. Discussion of Current County Burn Ban
- B. Authority to issue Purchase Order for Walters Volunteer Fire Department replacement truck
- C. Authority for County Administrator to execute all documents and to take any and all actions necessary to resolve insured claim for total loss to county-owned fire truck/equipment assigned to Walters Volunteer Fire Department
- D. Discussion of and potential action on Burn Building

- E. Motion to add the following to the agenda:
Authority to purchase four (4) Milwaukee 18V Brute Force Combi-Tools (aka "Jaws of Life") from Performance Rescue for the total amount of \$46,225.00, to be paid from the general county fund
- F. Authority to purchase four (4) Milwaukee 18V Brute Force Combi-Tools (aka "Jaws of Life") from Performance Rescue for the total amount of \$46,225.00, to be paid from the general county fund

VII. STACI MCNINCH, TAX ASSESSOR

- A. Petitions to adjust 2025 Homestead Exemption Supplemental Roll
- B. Petitions for change of assessment on 2025 Real Property Assessments
- C. Parcel Number D5-21-30 was erroneously assessed due to an error in the legal description; authority to void the 2023 & 2024 tax sales and to refund any tax sale purchasers and request that the Tax Collector's Office void the tax bills for 2023, 2024, and 2025 and that the correct tax statements be generated by the Tax Collector's Office
- D. Parcel Number H11P-10-1812 was created in error; authority to void the 2023 tax sale and to refund any tax sale purchasers and request that the Tax Collector's Office void the tax bills for 2023, 2024, and 2025 and that no additional bills be generated
- E. Parcel Number B1-1-70 was erroneously assessed due to this parcel having no improvements; authority to void the 2023 & 2024 tax sales and to refund any tax sale purchasers and request that the Tax Collector's Office void the tax bills for 2023, 2024, and 2025 and that the correct tax statements be generated by the Tax Collector's Office assessing the land only
- F. Parcel Number D4-40-70 was improperly conveyed for the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 tax years; Authority for the Tax Collector's Office to refund the taxes for 2020-2025 and that new tax bills be generated for 2020-2025 in the correct name, with their over 65 exemption
- G. Authority to pay invoice from DLT Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$3,296.56 for the renewal of AutoCAD Licensing and authority to issue check

VIII. MIKE HARRISON, ROAD MANAGER

- A. Road Work Accomplished for February 2026 and Road Work Scheduled for March 2026

IX. TIM PARKER, COUNTY ENGINEER

- A. Authorize the Board President to provide a letter to CMPDD acknowledging the adjustment of project limits on the East Metro Parkway Overlay project submitted to CMPDD requesting Federal

STBG funding through the Jackson MPO. The northern project limits will be moved to the south end of the bridge over Hog Creek. This adjustment is being done to accommodate multiple project submittals to CMPDD by the City of Flowood on East Metro Parkway north of the bridge

- B. Gunter Road Improvements, Phase II – Approval of Change Order #3 (Summary) in the amount of a decrease of \$88,754.30. (District 1)
- C. Gunter Road Improvements, Phase II – Approval of Pay Application #15 (Final) from Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$53,234.15 and authority to issue the check. (District 1)
- D. Demolition and Disposal of Structures - Former Brandon Cement Plant – Approval of Pay Request #1 from 2B Dirt and Contracting, LLC. In the amount of \$44,507.50 and authority to issue the check (District 3)

X. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

Set Public Hearings:

- A. Set Public Hearing for April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Martie Rae Preiss & Edd Woods Nuisance Property, 202 Joe Davis Drive (District 3)
- B. Set Public Hearing for April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Lena Freeman Nuisance Property, 493 Fannin Landing Circle (District 2)
- C. Set Public Hearing for April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Nates Place, LLC Nuisance Property, Highway 469 / Monterey Road (District 1)
- D. Set Public Hearing for April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Jenne McElhenney & Austin Pickering Nuisance Property, 376 Andrew Chapel Road (District 4)

Public Hearings:

- E. Public Hearing for Wayne Stafford Conditional Use Permit, 1601 Highway 469 (District 3)
 - 1. Action on Wayne Stafford
- F. Public Hearing for Ravinderjit Singh Rezoning Request, Highway 25 / Mt. Helm (District 2)
 - 1. Action on Ravinderjit Singh

Other:

- G. Discussion of, and potential action to adopt, Ordinance Regulating Temporary Dwellings and Recreational Vehicles and to authorize publication of same
- H. Authority for Rankin County Tax Collector to correct records reflecting ad valorem tax obligations allegedly owed by owners/occupiers of mobile homes/manufactured homes where it

has been confirmed that the ad valorem taxes assessed to said owner/occupier is erroneous. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a listing by PPIN, owner names, addresses, tax years, reason for classification as erroneous, tax amount reflected, and other information that demonstrates the Tax Collector's effort to determine the viability of the records contained in the county's system. Authority of Tax Collector to remove all records classified as erroneously assessed.

Authority of Tax Collector to work with any third parties to remove erroneously assessed records from any ongoing collection activity

- I. Consideration of and potential action to authorize Board President to sign agreements further to the consummation of Project Blue Horizon, those agreements being a Ground Lease, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Development Agreement
- J. Authorization pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 19-3-85 to publish notice in three (3) public places in the county that certain personal property has been received or recovered as a part of Rankin County law enforcement activities, the owner thereof being unknown to Rankin County
- K. Authorization for Chancery Clerk to execute acceptance of bond required in lawsuit objecting to tax assessor assessment of real property ad valorem assessments (Sunset Marina). Case 25-317 (Sunset Marina v Rankin County)

XI. KEITH HICKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Authority for the County Administrator to execute a Business Associate Agreement between Rankin County and Association Program Administrators for a Claims Audit Review of claims incurred by the Rankin County Jail and authority to provide necessary documentation to complete the review at no cost to the County.
This will be a one-month test review to see if further services would be warranted. This program is sponsored by the MS Association of Supervisors
- B. Authority for the Board President to execute an agreement with Big Construction for construction of the Rankin County Tax Office Building and authority to issue notice to proceed letter

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Motion to add the following to the agenda:
Approval to set Rankin County Spring Cleanup for April 11th through May 16th, 2026, providing for collection points for one week in each District and authority to publish public notice twice
- B. Approval to set Rankin County Spring Cleanup for April 11th through May 16th, 2026, providing for collection points for one week in each District and authority to publish public notice twice

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion to discuss the need to go into Executive Session
- B. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and potential acquisition of real property
- C. Motion to come out of Executive Session
The record reflects no action taken.
- D. Supervisor Bishop left the board meeting at 11:00 a.m.

XIV. ADDED ITEMS

- A. Motion to add the following to the agenda:
 - 1. Authority to establish just compensation for the I-20 Connector Loop Grade Separation Element for four (4) parcels
 - 2. Declaration of a local emergency to address damage to the Langford Communications Tower
- B. Authority to approve just compensation for the I-20 Connector Loop Grade Separation Element for four (4) parcels as identified: H-1-40, owner Rankin County Investments, LLC, H8-3, owner Forest Energy Construction Management Corp., H8-3-X (purchase of an "X" parcel, parcel number is yet to be assigned), owner Forest Energy Construction Management Corp., and H8-10-131, owner Kawaliha Realty LLC, and Authority to execute all just compensation paperwork
- C. Declaration of a local emergency to address fire damage to the Langford Communications Tower and authority to move forward with repairs of all the damage and authority for the County Administrator to settle with the insurance

XV. RECESS UNTIL 04/02/2026, AT 9:00 A.M.