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

211 East Government
Street
Brandon, MS 39042

Friday, May 15, 2026

**~ Minutes ~
9:00 AM**

**Admin
Regular Board Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Meeting called to order on Friday, May 15, 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. Presentation of 2026 Recipient of the MAS County Employee Scholarship Awarded by the Mississippi Association of Supervisors and the Rankin County Board of Supervisors to Edward Nelson Barthel
- B. Michael Wolf addressed the board regarding his candidacy for Chancery Court Judge Place One
- C. Chris Watts, IT Director – Discussion of Website
- D. Brett Ishee, Fire Coordinator - Discussion of Burn Building

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes Approval

- A. May 4, 2026

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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: Sid Scarbrough

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 \$8,132,132.83
- B. Acknowledge receipt of Budget and Financial Reports for the month of May 2026
- C. Approval of Budget Amendment for the Tax Assessor's Department to transfer between line items, no increase

Agreements

- D. Authority for Board President and County Administrator to execute Proof of Loss statement on Langford Tower Site for insurance claim
- E. Authority for Youth Court to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Beaver Therapy Services, LLC, to provide therapy services related to Substance Use Disorder and authority for Board President and appropriate Youth Court Personnel to execute documents
- F. Authority to approve 2026-2027 Heavy Equipment Memorandum of Understanding between the Rankin County School District and Rankin County Board of Supervisors to allow high school students to work with certain departments within the county to provide educational opportunities for students who plan to enter the workforce after high school, specifically in Heavy Equipments Operations and Authority for board president to execute agreement
- G. Approval for the Rankin County Sheriff's Department to enter

into a License Agreement with the Mississippi Transportation Commission, by and through the Executive Director of the of Mississippi Department of Transportation, for access of the MDOT Traffic Cameras Distribution Network for the Sheriff's "FUSUS" network feed and authority for Sheriff to sign documents

- H. Authorization for Board President to execute Memorandum of Understanding between Rankin County and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5048 to serve as a point of distribution for disaster relief supplies during declared emergencies at the discretion of Rankin County Board of Supervisors and for related purposes
- I. Authority for Board President to execute agreement with Entergy to grant easement for the Tax Office building site to install necessary power infrastructure for the building
- J. Request approval of Contractual Agreement between Rankin County and Deanco Auctions to sell surplus vehicles and equipment on May 28th, 2026, in Philadelphia, MS
- K. Consideration of request made by Musgrove Corporation, the contractor awarded the Florence-Byram Parkway Clearing and Grubbing Project, to allow for a variance from the contract specifications that require a specified level of auto and general liability coverage. The request appears to be nominal in that the contractor is carrying adequate auto and general liability protection given the nature of project scope. Further, the citizens of Rankin County remain protected and are not disadvantaged by the actions of the Supervisors in authorizing a variance from the bid specifications under the circumstances
- L. Authority for Board President to execute agreement with Musgrove Corporation for the clearing & grubbing for Florence-Byram Parkway
- M. Authority to amend the Rankin County Justice Center Professional Services Agreement with JH&H Architects, Planners, Interiors, PA, to include the Community Services Building Re-Roofing Project

2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CHECKS:

DUES and TRAINING CONFERENCES

- A. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$960.00 each and hotel fees in the amount of \$982.53 each for nine (9) Youth Court Employees to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference on July 19 -July 23, 2026, in Nashville, TN and authority to issue checks and pay any travel related expenses (all costs associated will be eligible for reimbursement through the AOC Drug Court funds, SAMSHA Grant, or through the OJJDP Drug Court Enhancement Grant)
- B. Authority to pay hotel fees in the amount of \$1,355.48 each for seven (7) Youth Court Employees to attend the Annual Cross Sites 2026 Conference on August 3 – 7, 2026, in Boston, Massachusetts and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses (all costs will be reimbursement by grant funds)
- C. Authority for Staci McNinch to attend the 2026 Mississippi Association of Collectors and Assessors' Summer Conference on May 26 – 28, 2026, in Biloxi, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses
- D. Authority for Chris Watts to attend the Anthropic Day for AI related materials on May 28 – 29, 2026, in Biloxi, MS and authority to pay any travel related expenses

Other

- E. Authority to pay invoice #11175543 from CPKC in the amount of \$3,780.00 for preliminary engineering for the Highway 18 Grade Separation Project, per the agreement, and authority to issue check
- F. Authority to issue check in the amount of \$83,375.67 to Cleary Volunteer Fire Department for Additional Support for the construction of new volunteer fire station, to be paid from Bond Funds

3. Authority to approve the following Inventory Changes:

- A. Approval of the following Inventory Changes to add items and to remove items from the county inventory that are obsolete and to surplus items and transfer items interdepartmental (See

attached list)

4. Authority to approve the following Personnel

Recommendations: Sheriff's Department: Road Department: Ian Gill (Salary Increase) at Step 396; Timothy Harrell (New Hire, Part Time Laborer) at Step 301; Thomas McInnis (New Hire, Laborer) at Step 301; Elijah Wright (New Hire, Laborer) at Step 301; **Board of Supervisors Department:** Natalie Griffith (Temporary Part Time Assistant) at Step 287; **Circuit Clerk's Office:** Dana Swilley (Salary Increase) at Step 349;

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: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

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

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Steve Gaines

SECONDER: Jay Bishop

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

VII. TIM PARKER, COUNTY ENGINEER

A. Demolition and Disposal of Structures – Former Brandon Cement Plant – Approval of Pay Application #3 from 2B Dirt and Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$76,356.25 and authority to issue check (District 3)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Phil Schoggen

SECONDER: Jay Bishop

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

B. Gunter Road Improvements Phase III – Approval of Pay Application #1 from Thornton Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$145,999.09 and authority to issue check (District 1)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

C. LSBP 61(7) – Discussion and Potential Action (District 1)

*Authority to award bid to Fordice Construction Company in the amount of

\$694,538.00

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

D. Erlich Road Bridge Replacement - Discussion and Potential Action
(District 1)

*Motion to reject the lowest bid received from TM Productions, LLC, due to the disproportionate unit price for "Additional Construction Signs" in the amount of \$100,000.00. Authority to approve the second lowest bid received from Thornton Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$695,482.75

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Jay Bishop

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

VIII. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

Set Public Hearings:

A. Set Public Hearing for May 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Felicitas Salinas Nuisance Property Hearing, 221 Camelot Way (District 2)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

B. Set Public Hearing for May 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Pinebelt Ventures LLC Nuisance Property Hearing, 425 Penn Lane (District 4)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

C. Set Public Hearing for May 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Thomas & Tabitha Clark Nuisance Property Hearin, 302 Keith Avenue (District 3)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

Other:

D. Consideration of and potential action to adopt Resolution of Intent to make application for Mississippi Development Authority Grant Funding to assist in the construction of an access boulevard extending from Mississippi Highway 475 to Old Whitfield Road in the City of Pearl, Mississippi, further to that certain economic development project associated with the Siemens Energy expansion.

Authorization to publish Notice of Resolution of Intent in a newspaper of general circulation and to obtain Proof of Publication. Authorization to set public hearing for July 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment prior to the filing of said application

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

- E. Authority for Rankin County Sheriff or other proper county representative to execute two memoranda of understanding between Rankin County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) (1996), and as amended by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296. These agreements provide Rankin County Sheriff's Office access to federal grant funding for officer training, the cost of department vehicles, protective and IT-related equipment upon completion of certain conditions of the Memoranda pursuant to Public Law 119-21 (the "OBBBA")

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

IX. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Motion to add the following to the agenda:
1. Acknowledgment of receipt to signed purchase agreement from Bell Family Trust for county purchase of approximately 33 acres along Old Whitfield Road, Pearl, MS. Authority to close purchase transaction for county purchase of subject property. Authority for the Board President, County Administrator, Board Attorney, or any other appropriate county representatives to execute all closing documents and do all things necessary to effect closing of the transaction. Authority to issue payment for real property, to be paid from the general fund.
 2. Authority to close the purchase transaction for the county purchase of property on Holly Bush Rd, currently part of Parcels K13-7 and K12-15. Authority for the Board President, County Administrator, Board Attorney, or any other appropriate county representatives to execute all closing documents and do all things necessary to effect closing of transaction. Authority to issue payment and donation letter for real property.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

- B. Acknowledgment of receipt to signed purchase agreement from Bell Family Trust for county purchase of approximately 33 acres along Old Whitfield Road, Pearl, MS. Authority to close purchase transaction for county purchase of subject property. Authority for the Board President, County Administrator, Board Attorney, or any other appropriate county representatives to execute all closing documents and do all things necessary to effect closing of the transaction. Authority to issue payment for real property, to be paid from the general fund.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

- C. Authority to close the purchase transaction for the county purchase of property on Holly Bush Rd, currently part of Parcels K13-7 and K12-15. Authority for the Board President, County Administrator, Board Attorney, or any other appropriate county representatives to execute all closing documents and do all things necessary to effect closing of transaction. Authority to issue payment and donation letter for real property.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Steve Gaines

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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: Phil Schoggen

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

- B. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss county-owned property and pending litigation.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Phil Schoggen

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

- C. Supervisor Gaines left the board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- D. Motion to come out of Executive Session.
Record reflects no action taken.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

ABSENT: Steve Gaines

XI. ADDED ITEMS

A. Motion to add the following to the agenda:

1. Authority for the resolution of a litigation matter

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

ABSENT: Steve Gaines

B. Authority for Richmond National Insurance Company to resolve a litigation matter involving Rankin County, Civil Action # 3-25-CV405. This will be in exchange for execution of all nondisclosure documentation required.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

ABSENT: Steve Gaines

C. Additional Public Comment:

Clifford Miller, 1101 Brickell Ave, Miami FL (Representing SB Home Buyers) — addressed the board regarding the condemned property at 612 Williams Rd., and their pending purchase of the property.

D. Motion to add the following:

1. Discussion and potential action for the property located at 612 Williams Rd, Florence

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

ABSENT: Steve Gaines

E. Receipt of confirmation by SB Home Buyers, prospective purchaser of the real property located at 612 Williams Road, Florence, Mississippi, that the real property is not fit for human habitation. Despite the fact that the subject property remains unfit for human habitation, authority for SB Home Buyers to close on the purchase of the subject property and submit to the Office of Community Development proper documentation and plan of action to bring the property at 612 Williams Road into compliance with the county's property condition standards

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Jay Bishop

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

XII. RECESS UNTIL 05/28/2026, AT 9:00 A.M.

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

On this day, Friday, May 15, 2026,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sid Scarbrough".

SID SCARBROUGH, PRESIDENT
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

MARK S. SCARBOROUGH, CLERK OF THE BOARD