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RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Regular Board Meeting

211 East Government
Street
Brandon, MS 39042

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

**~ Minutes ~
9:00 AM**

**Admin
Regular Board Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Meeting called to order on Wednesday, July 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. Resolution Commending & Congratulating the Rankin County Sheriff's Office and Deputy, McKenzie Taylor, for Heroic and Life-Saving Actions
- B. Loretta Harwell, residing at 322 Cedar Hill Dr, addressed the board regarding data centers.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes Approval

- A. July 6, 2026 (9:00 a.m.)
July 6, 2026 (1:00 p.m.)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

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: Phil Schoggen

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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 \$12,464,838.81
- B. Acknowledgement receipt of Budget and Financial Reports for the month of June 2026
- C. Approve Interfund Transfer from Fund 335 to Fund 150 for payment of Bond Project expenses for Gunter Road Phase III
- D. Authority to close the inactive Cafeteria Plan – Trustmark Account and transfer balance to BCBS Self-Funded Insurance Account with Origin Bank in accordance with IRS Treasury Proposed Regulation 1.125-5(o)

Appointments

- E. Authority to appoint Sarah Skaggs as assistant Receiving Clerk for the Office of Community Development

Grants, Agreements, and Utility Permits

- F. Authority for the Sheriff's Department to apply for the FY2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide ("BIDEN") Grant Program through the Department of Justice to provide enforcement support for combatting criminal aliens, drug, and human trafficking (No Match Requirement)
- G. Approval of agreement with CSpire to provide additional circuits at 165 Metropolitan Lane and 483 East Mark Drive at an additional monthly cost of \$350.00 and authority for Board President to execute documents
- H. Request approval of Contractual Agreement between Rankin County and Deanco Auctions to sell a 2015 Dodge Ram 3500 on July 22nd, 2026, in Philadelphia, MS

- I. Request approval of AT&T Utility Permit No. A05E7XD to construct a Fiber Optic Cable to be installed between Northridge Trail and River Forest Lane (District 4)
- J. Request approval of Comcast Utility Permit No. JB0002624367 to construct an Underground Utility Facility along/across River Forest Lane, White Rock Lane, Northridge Trail, and Northridge Court to be installed between Vernon Jones Avenue and Whippoorwill Drive (District 5)

Other

- K. Approval to accept disallowance of Homestead Exemption on certain parcels; no penalty will be incurred by owner (See Attached List)
- L. Petitions to adjust 2025 Homestead Exemption Supplemental Roll
- M. Petitions for change of assessment on 2025 Real Property Assessments
- N. Authority to void the 2023 & 2024 Tax Sales and refund any tax sale purchaser(s) for Parcel # H9J-1-310 and request that the Tax Collector's Office void the 2023 – 2025 Tax Bills and generate corrected statements; the Homestead Exemption was erroneously deleted for this parcel
- O. Authorization for the Road Department to conduct work requested in writing from the Pearl School District for county assistance at the Bus Shop to deliver 3 loads of grey rock pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 19-3-42(4)

2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CHECKS

DUES and TRAINING CONFERENCES

- A. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$325.00 each for six (6) Sheriff's Department Employees to attend the 2026 MASIT Risk Management Conference on August 11 – 12, 2026, in Flowood, MS and authority to issue check and pay any travel related expenses
- B. Authority to pay hotel fees in the amount of \$467.96 for Whitney Adams to attend the 2026 Mississippi Justice Court Judges Association (MJCJA) Summer Conference on July 18 – 23, 2026, in Biloxi, MS and authority to issue check and pay any travel

related expenses

- C. Authority to pay registration fees in the amount of \$150.00 for Blake Cauthen to attend the 16th Annual CLE on Friday July 31st, in Brandon, MS and authority to issue check
- D. Authority to pay Leadership Rankin tuition in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Ashley Haddox and authority to issue check

OTHER

- E. Authority to issue check in the amount of \$424.64 to Star Volunteer Fire Department for Additional Support for the construction of new volunteer fire station, to be paid from Bond Funds
- F. Acknowledgement of receipt of Court Order for Remission of Bond from JNW Bonding FCS in the amount of \$4,870.00 for forfeiture of bond and authority to issue check to JNW Bonding FCS
- G. Acknowledgement of Court Order Appointing Dana Gordon as temporary Court Reporter for Chancery Court on June 16 & July 1, 2026, and authority to issue check in the amount of \$590.00 for the daily court appearance fee

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, to add items, to surplus items as an intergovernmental sale, and to transfer items interdepartmental (See attached)
- B. Approval to Remove 1-Glock 17 9MM Semi Auto Pistol Serial #BGTV694, Inventory Asset #13001, from the Sheriff's Department Inventory and Sell the Retiree's Weapon to Retiring Officer Michael Gober, Retired June 30, 2026, in Compliance of MS Code Ann. §45-9-131

D.

4. Authority to approve the following Personnel

Recommendations: Sheriff's Department: Brantley Parish (New Hire, Uncertified Adult Detention Officer) at Step 332; Kayla Tadlock (New Hire, Certified Dispatcher) at Step 346;

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

VI. BRIAN GRANTHAM, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

- A. Discussion and potential action regarding Vector Control Agreement

VII. CHRIS WATTS, IT DIRECTOR

- A. Consideration of, and potential action to authorize acceptance of, proposal made by Revize Government Website Company for overhaul of Rankin County's website. Proposal calls for significant updates and changes to the existing county website to include better and more obvious access to information and to include available features such as Calendar of Events, E-Notification Modules, On-Line Payment Portal, Facilities Reservations, News Center with Facebook/Twitter Integration, Emergency Alerts, Online Forms / Survey Tools, E-Newsletter Applications, Job Posting and Tracking Module, Public Records Request Tracker, and other features that are customizable. The cost of the re-working of the website can be accommodated through three annual installments of \$22,917.00 at no interest. The cost of ongoing website hosting, support and maintenance of the website thereafter will be \$14,500 per year. The decision to accept this proposal, if authorized, will be contingent upon the review and approval by the Board Attorney of the engagement agreement to be negotiated between the county and Revize Government Website Company

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

VIII. TIM PARKER, COUNTY ENGINEER

- A. Milling and Overlay of Old Highway 49 STP-6968-00(001)LPA/109716-701000 - Approval of Pay Request #1 from AJ Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$98,770.83 and authority to issue check (District 1)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

- B. Demolition and Disposal of Structures - Former Brandon Cement Plant - Approval of Pay Request #5 from 2B Dirt and Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$64,837.50 and authority to issue check (District 3)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

- C. Gunter Road Improvements, Phase III – Approval of Pay Request #3 from Thornton Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$69,842.06 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

IX. CRAIG SLAY, BOARD ATTORNEY

Set Public Hearings:

- A. Set Public Hearing for July 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Roger Bagwell Nuisance Property, 102 Prince John Drive (District 3)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Jay Bishop

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

- B. Set Public Hearing for July 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Niru Capital Fund 2 LLC Nuisance Property, 306 Shenandoah Road N. (District 2)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Jay Bishop

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

- C. Set Public Hearing for July 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Debbie Sherman Nuisance Property, 107 Shenandoah Road N. (District 2)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Jay Bishop

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

- D. Set Public Hearing for August 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for Rhonda Spearman Conditional Use Permit, 101 Lakeview Road (District 4)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

Public Hearings:

- E. Public Hearing for Bailey Davidson Conditional Use Permit, 1604 Old Lake Road (District 3)

1. Action on Bailey Davidson

Board Attorney, Craig Slay, opened the public hearing. Hearing no comment, Mr. Slay closed the public hearing.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

F. Public Hearing for Evan Holbrooks Conditional Use Permit, 257 Garrett Lane (District 4)

1. Action on Evan Holbrooks

Board Attorney, Craig Slay, opened the public hearing. Hearing no comment, Mr. Slay closed the public hearing.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

Other:

G. Approval of MOU between Rankin County Sheriff's Office and Rankin County School District regarding delivery of education services to school-aged youth housed at the Rankin County Detention Facility

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

H. Authority for Rankin County Sheriff to execute Grant Agreement between Rankin County Animal Shelter and Best Friends Animal Society whereby Best Friends provides Rankin County Animal Shelter with \$15,000 in grant funding for use in enhancing feline life-saving activities at the Rankin County Animal Shelter. There is no cost to Rankin County to participate in this grant opportunity

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

I. Authority for Board President and any representative of the Rankin County Sheriff's Office to execute Amended and Restated Food Service Agreement between Rankin County and Summit Food Service, LLC, as successor to Valley Food Service. This agreement provides for preparation and delivery of three meals per day to inmates housed at the Rankin County Jail and the Rankin County Juvenile Detention Facility at a fixed cost per meal. This agreement contemplates adjustments to the cost per meal reflected in the agreement using the results of the United States Department of labor's Consumer Price Index. The agreement may be terminated upon the giving of thirty days' notice by either party

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Steve Gaines

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

- J. Authority for Board President and any representative of the Rankin County Sheriff's Office to execute Agreement between Rankin County and City Tele-Coin Company, Inc. to provide inmate telecommunications services at the Rankin County Jail and the Rankin County Juvenile Detention Facility. This agreement covers a term of 24 months and provides that Rankin County will incur no costs related to the services being provided

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Phil Schoggen

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

- K. Authority for Board President and any representative of the Rankin County Sheriff's Office to execute Agreement between Rankin County and PTS Solutions, Inc. to provide software necessary to operate the Computer-Aided Dispatch System, the Record Management System and the Jail Management System required by the Rankin County Jail and the Rankin County Juvenile Detention Facility. This agreement covers an initial term beginning October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. The agreement will not require Rankin County to incur costs or expenses associated with the agreement, with the exception of an initial installment payment of 50% of the software product suite (\$16,250) which shall be paid within 30 days of the signing of the agreement. The agreement is subject to termination upon notice of either party and failure to cure within thirty days. Authority of County Administrator to issue check

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

X. KEITH HICKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. New Rankin County Tax Office – Approval of Pay Application #2 from BIG Construction in the amount of \$238,943.35 and authority to issue check

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Steve Gaines

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

- B. Clearing & Grubbing Between Cleary Road and Old HWY 49 – Approval of Pay Application #1 from Musgrove Corporation in the amount of \$125,776.89 and authority to issue check

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Discussion regarding the Highway 80 Improvement Project and access to Eastmark Drive

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Phil Schoggen

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

- B. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and land acquisition

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Phil Schoggen

SECONDER: Brad Calhoun

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

- C. Motion to come out of Executive Session.

The record reflects no action taken during the Executive Session.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

XIII. ADDED ITEMS

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

1. Authorization for response to landowner counteroffer for the I-20 Connector Loop Project
2. Authorization to approve Personnel Recommendations for the Sheriff's Department

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Sid Scarbrough

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

- B. Authorization for response to a landowner counteroffer for the I-20 Connector Loop Project, in regard to Parcel #2 right of way acquisition and authority for iROW to respond in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 in addition to the original amount of just compensation.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Brad Calhoun

SECONDER: Jay Bishop

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

C. Authorization to approve Personnel Recommendations for the Sheriff's Department (See attached)

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jay Bishop

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

XIV. RECESS UNTIL JULY 30, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Sid Scarbrough

SECONDER: Phil Schoggen

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

On this day, Wednesday, July 15, 2026,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sid Scarbrough".

SID SCARBROUGH, PRESIDENT
RANKIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Scarborough".

MARK S. SCARBOROUGH, CLERK OF THE BOARD