

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT FOUR LEE CALDWELL, PRESIDING

January 15, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of January 15, 2014 of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Board President.

Deputy Carl Hurt of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and opened the Special Board of Supervisors Meeting to hear all business related to the Special Meeting before the Board of Supervisors. The following officials were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	District 1
Supervisor Mark Gardner	District 2
Supervisor Bill Russell	District 3 - Joined the meeting via phone at 8:30 a.m.
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Harvey Lee	District 5
Sheriff Bill Rasco	Sheriff - Absent
W. E. Sluggo Davis	Chancery Clerk
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator
Tony Nowak	Board Attorney

INVOCATION

Walt Starr, Representative for Congressman Allen Nunnelee, presented the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Special Called Meeting

1. Approval of Notice of Special Called Meeting January, 15, 2014

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Harvey Lee seconded the motion to approve the Notice of Special Called Meeting January 15, 2014 at 8:00 a.m., and make the notice a part of the minutes for this meeting in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. 19-3-19.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>ABSENT</u> Joined the meeting via phone at 8:30 a.m.
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

See Exhibit D.1

2. NRCS – EWP Program Project Opportunities

Supervisor Mark Gardner said that Mr. Starr is Congressman Nunnelee’s field representative and he looked at the problem in his area. Supervisor Gardner thanked Mr. Starr for looking at the site and for talking to Congressman Nunnelee about the problem. He said he informed his constituent and she is elated that the information was passed on the Congressman Nunnelee.

Assistant County Engineer said they were notified by the Natural Resource Conservation Service that the Emergency Watershed Protection Program was being re-implemented. Mr. Young said

that site visits were made on December 31, 2013, to evaluate eligibility based upon recent storm damage on November 22, 2013. He said the first step in the process is submitting the application and once the funds are approved, we will receive the Project Agreements. Mr. Young said it is a matching program with the County paying 25% and the Federal government paying 75%.

Mr. Scott said that site number 2 was previously approved on October 15, 2012 but he wanted it included so the Board would have a good overview of the NRCS Projects for which there is now a total of 5.

Mr. Scott said NRCS needs the applications approved by January 17, 2014.

Road Manager Andy Swims said he is very glad to see this program reinstated; one of the biggest challenges the supervisors face is drainage issues in the county.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the amount listed is the maximum the county can get. Mr. Swims said he was not sure of their dollar amount. He said it is based on the need for that particular site.

Supervisor Medlin asked if this is because of the rain event we had recently. Young said yes; we had a lot of rain in a short period of time. It counted as a qualifying rain event.

Supervisor Medlin asked if there are pictures of the sites. Mr. Young said no but they could be provided at the next board Meeting.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell said she would like to have pictures of the sites to be made part of the minutes. She said 12 sites were evaluated by the team.

Supervisor Gardner said that Mr. Herman Hill is in the audience and lives on Dixie Hill Drive. He said there is water running onto the driveway and road bed but not into the ditches and culverts which is where it should go. The water is cutting its own ditch.

Supervisor Medlin said he wants to see the pictures for these sites to try to determine what the qualifications are for these projects.

Supervisor Caldwell said she would also like to know what qualifies one project over another. She said she is very excited that Odom Road and Tulane Road will be taken care of.

Mr. Young said that Stateline Road is similar to Odom Road; there is a lot of water coming through that has caused severe erosion under the bridges.

Supervisor Caldwell said she knew they were working with the cities and asked if the Board could vote on this project today.

Board Attorney said yes.

Supervisor Gardner said he has one in District 3 and one in District 5. Supervisor Gardner said that the Wedgewood project is in the City of Olive Branch. He has talked to Mayor of Olive Branch, Scott Phillips, and he is very happy about this project.

Supervisor Gardner said that Supervisor Bill Russell discussed drafting a letter to the cities.

Supervisor Russell recommended sending as much detail as the cities need to vote on the project.

Mr. Young said after the Board approves the project agreements there are only 220 days to complete the projects; therefore any arrangements with the cities need to be made prior to project agreements being received.

Supervisor Medlin we will need to acquire right of ways; he suggested asking the cities to participate in paying engineering and attorney fees.

Supervisor Harvey Lee asked if they were going to share costs or be reimbursed.

Supervisor Gardner said they just found out about this last week and they do not meet until next week. He said there is timing and they have called both mayors.

Supervisor Caldwell said this is a great opportunity.

Supervisor Medlin said when he was at Wedgewood, the culvert was out of the ditch.

Supervisor Gardner said when he was at Wedgewood the water moved the culvert down the ditch.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve proceeding with making applications for submission with NRCS for funding through the EWP program as follows:

Cost Breakdown per Site

Site	Location	Total Cost Est	NRCS	Sponsor	Notes
1	Odom Rd Bridge	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 101,250.00	\$ 33,750.00	Approved by BOS on 10/15/12
2	Spring Lake Blvd Stateline Rd	\$ 28,290.00	\$ 21,217.50	\$ 7,072.50	
3	Bridge	\$ 117,800.00	\$ 88,350.00	\$ 29,450.00	Within City of Southaven
4	Tulane Rd	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 5,100.00	
5	Wedgewood Dr	\$ 43,550.00	\$ 32,662.50	\$ 10,887.50	Within City of Olive Branch
Totals		\$ 345,040.00	\$ 258,780.00	\$ 86,260.00	

The motion includes hiring the Smith, Phillips, Mitchell, Scott and Nowak Law Firm to work on right of ways for the project and to work with the cities to share engineering and attorney costs.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said several ditches need attention.

Road Manager Andy Swims said he would provide pictures to the Board of Supervisors.

See Exhibit D.2

E. Old Business – None

F. Executive Session – None

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting until January 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Harvey Lee.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Bill Russell, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Harvey Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

THIS the 15th day of January, 2014, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Lee Caldwell, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors