

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2007  
Recessed from a regular meeting conducted on August 20, 2007

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi was duly convened, held and conducted on August 27, 2007, in the County Law Library located on the second floor of the Madison County Circuit Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:

The President of the Board, Andy Taggart, presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present that day:

Present:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones  
Supervisor Tim Johnson  
Supervisor Andy Taggart  
Supervisor Karl M. Banks  
Tax Assessor Gerald Barber  
Sheriff Toby Trowbridge  
Chancery Clerk Arthur Johnston  
Constable Bill Wiesenberger

Absent:

Supervisor Paul Griffin

Also in attendance:

County Administrator Donnie Caughman  
County Comptroller and Deputy Chancery Clerk Mark Houston  
County Road Manager Lawrence Morris  
Board Secretary and Deputy Chancery Clerk Cynthia Parker  
Board Attorney Edmund L. Brunini, Jr.  
John Granberry on behalf of County Engineer Rudy Warnock  
County Purchase Clerk Hardy Crunk  
County Fire Coordinator Mack Pigg  
Emergency Management, E-911 and Homeland Security Director Butch Hammack  
County Zoning Administrator Brad Sellers  
Deputy Tax Assessors Norman Cannady, Kent Hawkins and Jeff Peterson  
Assistant Comptroller and Deputy Chancery Clerk Quandice Green

The President announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. County Zoning Administrator Brad Sellers opened the meeting with a prayer and Assistant Comptroller and Deputy Chancery Clerk Quandice Green led the members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

***In re: Public Hearing on Objections to the Equalization of  
the 2007 Assessment Roll of Madison County, Mississippi***

WHEREAS, this day came on to be considered by the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi, the matter of the objections to the assessment roll for the year 2007, and it appearing that said assessment roll has been heretofore filed by the Madison County Tax Assessor and that said roll has been examined and equalized by this Board of Supervisors as required by law and the required notice has been given to the public and to the taxpayers in the manner provided by law at least ten (10) days prior to this meeting, and

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WHEREAS, the Board authorized the publication of such notice in the *Madison County Herald*, a newspaper of general circulation in Madison County, the same having been accomplished on July 12 and 17, 2007, and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2007, the Board met pursuant to said notice, received all written protests to assessments as required by law, closed the period for the receipt thereof as of 9:00 a.m. that date, and continued the matter of consideration of those objections timely received until August 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS, said date and hour now having arisen, Board President Andy Taggart declared the Board to be in session for purposes of equalization of the 2007 tax rolls as to protests timely received from the taxpayers listed on the spreadsheet which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, spread hereupon and incorporated herein by reference, and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Kent Hawkins did appear before the Board and presented the protests received and filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk and reviewed by his office, the same being those listed on Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, no one appeared for the public hearing as previously noticed to object to the assessments set forth in the preliminary rolls,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins presented five (5) certain spreadsheets, together with their related petitions, a true and correct copy of which are attached hereto as the following listed exhibits, spread hereupon and incorporated herein by reference:

(1) Exhibit B – reflecting recommended increases to the 2007 Personal Property Preliminary Tax Roll;

(2) Exhibit C – reflecting recommended decreases to the 2007 Personal Property Preliminary Tax Roll;

(3) Exhibit D – reflecting recommended increases to the 2007 Real Property Preliminary Tax Roll;

(4) Exhibit E – reflecting recommended decreases to the 2007 Real Property Preliminary Tax Roll;

(5) Exhibit F – reflecting recommended changes to encompass real property assessments for the new annexed area of the City of Ridgeland, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins represented that his office had reviewed the assessments reflected thereon and recommended the changes set forth therein and requested that the Board accept and adopt the same and make the same a part of the 2007 personal property and land rolls,

Following discussion, Mr. Tim Johnson did offer and Mr. Douglas L. Jones did second a motion to (1) close the public hearing, (2) accept the changes recommended by the Tax Assessor as reflected on Exhibits B through F hereto and adjust and equalize the real and personal rolls for 2007 in accordance therewith, (3) and accept, approve and make final the 2007 real and personal property assessment rolls and enter the Order required by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-35-105 and by the Mississippi State Tax Commission, inclusive of the aforesaid changes, said Order being attached hereto as Exhibit G, spread hereupon, and incorporated herein by reference. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Not Present and Not Voting
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The matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said changes were and are hereby accepted, and the real and personal property rolls for 2007 were and are hereby adjusted and equalized and made final accordingly and the Chancery Clerk was and is hereby directed to forward the same to the Mississippi State Tax Commission as required by law.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Homestead Exemption Tax Loss Disallowances***

WHEREAS, Chancery Clerk Arthur Johnston did appear before the Board and presented certain Notices of Adjustment in Homestead Exemption Tax Loss Allowances for the 2006 Supplemental Roll which had been received from the Mississippi State Tax Commission and did report that in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 27-33-37(j), a hearing was in order on said Disallowances so as to entertain any protests or complaints as to the propriety and validity of the same, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnston did inform the Board that, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-33-41, as amended, he had properly and promptly notified all property owners via certified mail of the decision of the State Tax Commission disallowing said exemptions and did direct the Board's attention to a spreadsheet listing property owners, parcel numbers and reasons given by the Tax Commission for each disallowance, and

WHEREAS, a copy of such spreadsheet, together with a copy of each such disallowance notice, may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes,

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnston did further report that certain objections to said Disallowances had been received, and in his estimation, the Board ought to accept and affirm said objections and request that of the Disallowances submitted, those marked with an objection should not be disallowed and those taxpayers allowed to retain their homestead exemptions for the reasons set forth in the spreadsheet, and

WHEREAS, no one appeared for said hearing,

Following discussion, Mr. Douglas L. Jones did offer and Mr. Tim Johnson did second a motion to (1) accept the Homestead Exemption Tax Loss Allowances as presented subject to the listed objections, (2) direct the Chancery Clerk to forward same to Mississippi State Tax Commission with the objections as noted on said spreadsheet affirmed and accepted and with the request that the Tax Commission not effectuate each such Disallowance to which an objection was received, and (3) direct that, except as to those parcels for which an objection was lodged and except as to those parcels as to which a subsequent purchaser for value without notice has acquired the property in question, (a) the Tax Collector re-assess each such parcel on the appropriate roll, and (b) the Chancery Clerk record said Disallowances in the records of his office in the manner required by law. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Not Present and Not Voting
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said Disallowances were and are hereby accepted, except for those to which an objection was timely filed as noted on said, and the Chancery Clerk and the Tax Collector were and are hereby directed accordingly.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

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***In re: Adoption of Resolution Honoring Master Sergeants Taylor Chastain and Stan Fisher and Deputy Kip Luby***

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2007, members of the Madison County Sheriff's Department's SWAT Team, Master Sergeants Taylor Chastain and Stan Fisher and Deputy Kip Luby came under fire while attempting to rescue fellow officers pinned under their vehicles during a six-hour standoff, and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeants Chastain and Fisher and Deputy Luby were each wounded while attempting to rescue their fellow officers, and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeants Chastain and Fisher and Deputy Luby were presented with Purple Heart Citations by the Military Order of Purple Hearts on August 15, 2007 for their service in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeants Chastain and Fisher and Deputy Luby have been members of the Madison County SWAT Team since 2002, and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeants Chastain and Fisher and Deputy Luby have completed Highway Patrol SWAT School and train on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeants Chastain and Fisher and Deputy Luby, along with their fellow SWAT Team officers have been involved in numerous and often very dangerous SWAT situations, risking their lives for the protection of Madison County citizens, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THAT:

1. The Board of Supervisors of Madison County does hereby, on behalf of the citizens of Madison County, commend Master Sergeants Taylor Chastain and Stan Fisher and Deputy Kip Luby for their service to our county, and for their selfless acts in protecting the citizens of Madison County, and
2. This Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this Board and thereby forever preserved as a permanent tribute to Master Sergeants Taylor Chastain and Stan Fisher and Deputy Kip Luby, and
3. The Clerk of this Board post a true, correct and certified copy hereof at the entrance to each courthouse in Madison County, there to remain for a period of thirty (30) days, and
4. The Clerk of this Board deliver a true, correct and certified copy hereof to Master Sergeant Taylor Chastain, Master Sergeant Stan Fisher, and Deputy Kip Luby.

Mr. Douglas L. Jones did offer and Mr. Tim Johnson did second a motion to adopt the above and foregoing Resolution. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Not Present and Not Voting
Supervisors Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the motion carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said Resolution was and is hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

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**In re: Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

WHEREAS, President Taggart did announce that he and County Administrator Donnie Caughman had conferred in advance of the meeting and did recommend that Items (3) through (11) on the Agenda appeared to be routine, non-controversial matters on which all Supervisors were likely to agree, and could be taken up as Consent Items, and

WHEREAS, the Board President did explain that any Supervisor could, in advance of the call of the question, request that any of the aforesaid Items be removed from the Consent Agenda, and

Following discussion, Mr. Douglas L. Jones did offer and Mr. Tim Johnson did second a motion to authorize, adopt and approve each of the following items, and, where necessary, authorize the Board President to execute all necessary documents to carry out such authorization, adoption and approval, and authorize and direct the issuance of payments where necessary:

**3. Approval of Real Property Assessment Decreases - 2006 Tax Year**

The *en masse* petition for the reduction of assessment of real property taxes for 2006 in the amount of \$86,193.00, which petition, together with its spreadsheet attachment is attached hereto as Exhibit H spread hereupon, and incorporated herein by reference, was and is hereby approved.

**4. Approval of Personal Property Assessment Decreases - 2006 Tax Year**

The *en masse* petition for the reduction of assessment of personal property taxes for 2006 in the amount of \$44,140.00, which petition, together with its spreadsheet attachment is attached hereto as Exhibit I, spread hereupon, and incorporated herein by reference, was and is hereby approved.

**5. Approval of Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate**

At the recommendation of County Administrator Donnie Caughman, (1) the Board does hereby find, determine and declare (a) that the business of the county and the public interest requires the purchase of the property and it is suitable for the needs of the county and the purchase price is at or below the fair market value; (b) that just compensation for that certain parcel of real property described in that certain “Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Real Estate between Madison County, Mississippi and Nancy Weems Wilson,” a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit J, spread hereupon and incorporated herein by reference, was previously set and established at the sum of \$236,795.00 by the Board in its meeting of July 23, 2007, and (c) that an offer to purchase said property from its owner, Nancy Weems Wilson, has been accepted; (2) said contract was and is hereby accepted and approved, (3) the Board President was and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the county, and (4) the county hereby accepts the Warranty Deed tendered pursuant thereto, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit K, spread hereupon and incorporated herein by reference. A true and correct copy of the appraisal for said property may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes.

**6. Approval of Final Orders - Ad Valorem Taxation Exemptions**

The Final Orders of the Mississippi State Tax Commission approving ad valorem tax exemptions previously approved by this Board, true and correct copies of which may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes were and are hereby acknowledged and finally approved in accordance with statute, subject to the provision that fire district taxes are not exempted, and the Chancery Clerk was and is hereby directed to inform the affected taxpayers accordingly.

**7. Authorization to Change Polling Location - Tougaloo College**

As requested by Circuit Clerk Lee Westbrook and Beverly Hogan, President of Tougaloo College, the location of the polling place for the Tougaloo precinct will be the George and Ruth

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Owens Health and Wellness Center, Room 212 A & B on the Tougaloo campus instead of Warren Hall due to renovations to the latter. This change will be effective after the fall, 2007 elections.

**8. Authorization Granting Exemption from Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Taxes - Mississippi National Guardsmen Serving on Active Duty in Iraq/Afghanistan Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-51-42.2**

As requested by Tax Collector Kay Pace in that certain correspondence to Board President Andy Taggart dated August 9, 2007, a true and correct copy of which may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes, and subject to the limitations set forth therein, the Board hereby grants an exemption from motor vehicle ad valorem taxes levied by the county of up to \$100.00 on one (1) motor vehicle owned by any county resident who is also a resident of the State of Mississippi who and a member of the Mississippi National Guard, any branch of the armed forces of the United States or a member of a reserve unit thereof, and who is serving on active duty pursuant to military orders in Iraq or Afghanistan.

**9. Acknowledge Clerk of the Board Report**

The Clerk of the Board Report for the month of July, 2007 was and is hereby acknowledged and approved, a true and correct copy of which may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes.

**10. Approval of Allocation to West Madison Fire District**

The Chancery Clerk was and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a pay warrant unto the West Madison Fire District in the amount of \$4,000.00 representing said district's tax levy revenue, said warrant to be drawn from Fund 118-251-701.

**11. Authorization to Renew Post Office Box for Circuit Clerk**

Circuit Clerk Lee Westbrook was and is hereby authorized to renew the post office box for her office with the Canton Post Office, and the Chancery Clerk was and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a pay warrant in the amount of \$392.00 unto the U. S. Postal Service for said renewal.

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Not Present and Not Voting
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present, and each item was and is hereby acknowledged, approved, adopted and authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Request of Johnny and Cindy Busby to Place Second Dwelling (Mobile Home) on 2.6 Acres Zoned A-1/Cox Ferry Road***

WHEREAS, during the period of Citizens Concerns, Mr. Johnny Busby did appear before the Board and requested a special exception so as to allow himself and his wife to place a mobile home on 3.2 acres at 1888 Cox Ferry Road in Flora, said property being presently zoned A-1, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busby explained that the purpose of his request was to allow his wife's elderly mother, Ms. Bettie Rouse, to live close by so that his wife could take care of her mother,

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Following discussion, Mr. Douglas L. Jones did offer and Mr. Tim Johnson did second a motion to authorize the placement of a mobile home on the subject property provided that either the home or the mobile home will have to be removed should the health situation of Ms. Rouse change such that she is no longer occupying or able to occupy the proposed mobile home. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye <sup>1</sup>
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried unanimously and Mr. and Mrs. Busby were and are hereby authorized to place a mobile home on her property subject to the aforesaid proviso.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Approval of Interlocal Agreement Among Madison County, the Lakes of Grandview Public Improvement District, the Madison County Tax Assessor, and the Madison County Tax Collector***

WHEREAS, Christopher Stokes, Esq., of the Shows Law Firm, PLLC, an attorney for the Lakes at Grandview Public Improvement District did appear before the Board and presented that certain "Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the Lakes at Grandview Public Improvement District and Madison County, Mississippi Relating to the Collection of Special Assessments," a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit L, spread hereupon and incorporated herein by reference, and

WHEREAS, Tax Assessor Gerald Barber reported that he had reviewed the same and the same met with his approval and that of the Madison County Tax Collector, and

WHEREAS, Board Attorney Edmund L. Brunini, Jr. reported that he had likewise reviewed the same and the same met with his approval and comported with the policy of the Board with respect to such matters adopted by the Board on August 6, 2007,

Following discussion, Mr. Tim Johnson did offer and the Board President did second a motion to adopt and approve the aforesaid Interlocal Agreement. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said Interlocal Agreement was and is hereby adopted and approved.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Approval of Special Assessment Roll – the Lakes at Grandview Public Improvement District***

WHEREAS, Christopher Stokes, Esq., of the Shows Law Firm, PLLC, an attorney for the Lakes at Grandview Public Improvement District did appear before the Board and presented said

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<sup>1</sup>Mr. Banks arrived prior to the call of the question on this matter.

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District's proposed special assessment roll for 2007, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit M, spread hereupon and incorporated herein by reference,

Following discussion, Mr. Tim Johnson did offer and the Board President did second a motion to adopt and approve said assessment roll and authorize the Tax Assessor to assess the same and the Tax Collector to place the same on tax notices issued for the applicable parcels and collect the same. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said special assessment roll was and is hereby approved and authorized to be assessed and collected.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Authorization to Purchase Furniture for New Office Complex on State Contract***

At the request of County Purchase Clerk Hardy Crunk and in accordance with his Memorandum of August 25, 2007, a true and correct copy of which may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes, Mr. Tim Johnson did offer and Mr. Karl M. Banks did second a motion to authorize and approve the purchase of new office furniture for the new addition to the Chancery and Administrative Building from Office Depot at a price not to exceed \$103,584.00, all such furniture being on state contract. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote those present and the purchase of the aforesaid furniture was and is hereby approved.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Approval to Make Certain Repairs to Road Department's Paving Machine***

WHEREAS, County Purchase Clerk Hardy Crunk appeared before the Board and reported that the county's paving machine suffered a break-down while in operation on a county road and required repairs in the estimated amount of \$12,724.53, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crunk reported further that in the final year of a Board's term, large expenditures associated with the repair and maintenance of equipment must receive specific Board approval, and

WHEREAS, County Road Manager Lawrence Morris reported that the repair cost in question was urgently needed in order for county paving projects to continue during the construction season,

Following discussion, Mr. Karl M. Banks did offer and Mr. Tim Johnson did second a motion to authorize and approve the repair of the aforesaid paving machine at a cost of \$12,724.53, and to

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authorize and direct the Chancery Clerk to issue a pay warrant in said amount unto Tubb Equipment & Rental Co., Inc. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said repairs were and are hereby authorized and the Chancery Clerk was and is directed accordingly.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Adoption of Resolution Employing the Current Elected County Prosecuting Attorney on a Full-time Basis During his or her Term of Office and Pay Compensation to Such Full-time Prosecuting Attorney in an Amount of not more than Ninety Percent (90%) of the Annual Compensation and Salary of the County Court Judges***

Following discussion, Mr. Tim Johnson did offer and Mr. Douglas L. Jones did second a motion to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Senate Bill 2477 enacted by the Mississippi Legislature and approved by the Governor on April 20, 2007 (Laws, Ch. 557, 2007 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature) has received the authority and discretion to employ the elected county prosecuting attorney on a full-time basis during his or her term of office and pay compensation to such full-time prosecuting attorney in an amount of not more than ninety percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of the county court judges, and

WHEREAS, other metropolitan area counties have been granted and have exercised similar authority and discretion, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds, determines and declares a public need for a full time county prosecuting attorney as an effective means of enhancing the efforts of law enforcement, for the timely and prompt prosecution of criminals, and for the protection of county citizens against crime,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT:

1. The current duly elected County Prosecuting Attorney for Madison County, Allen Phillips, be, and he is hereby employed on a full-time basis effective October 1, 2007.
2. The said Allen Phillips shall be paid an annual salary of \$92,853.00, the same being ninety percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of the county court judges, said salary to be effective October 1, 2007.

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

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the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said Resolution was and is hereby adopted and the County Prosecuting Attorney was and is so employed and compensated.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Authorization and Setting of Public Hearing for FY 2008 Budget and Tax Levy***

WHEREAS, County Administrator Donnie Caughman did appear before the Board and requested permission to set a public hearing for consideration of the county's FY 2008 Budget and Tax Levy, inclusive of a possible 2.98 mil increase in the South Madison Fire Protection District levy,

Following discussion, Mr. Andy Taggart did offer and Mr. Karl M. Banks did second a motion to declare, set and establish September 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. as the date for holding a public hearing on the county's proposed budget for FY 2008 and the 2008 tax levy concurrently and to direct the County Administrator to advertise the same by publication, said public hearing to be conducted in the law library on the second floor of the Madison County Circuit Courthouse. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried unanimously and said public hearing was and is hereby set for September 14, 2007 and the County Administrator was and is hereby instructed.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Authorization to Delete Certain Surplus Inventory Items***

Following discussion, Mr. Tim Johnson did offer and Mr. Karl M. Banks did second a motion to find, determine and declare that those items set forth by Inventory Control Clerk Loretta Phillips as per the memorandum dated August 23, 2007, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit N, spread hereupon and incorporated herein by reference, are surplus, of no value to the public and are authorized to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of as allowed by law. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said items were and are hereby declared surplus and authorized to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of as allowed by law.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Authorization of Board Members to Travel to Washington, D. C. with Madison County Foundation***

WHEREAS, County Administrator Donnie Caughman informed the Board that the Madison County Foundation has invited the Board Members to attend the organization's annual

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trip to Washington, D.C. on October 2 through October 4, 2007 for meetings with the state's Congressional delegation to promote federal funding of various county projects,

WHEREAS, the Board does desire to approve the payment of travel and related expenses for any Board member to attend said conference, the Board finding that such expenses are in the best interest of the county,

Following discussion, Mr. Douglas L. Jones did offer and Mr. Karl M. Banks did second a motion to authorize the payment of travel, lodging and food expenses of any Board member to attend said meetings. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and such approval was and is hereby granted.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Acceptance of Resignation of Kevin Broughton and Appointment of Boty McDonald, Esq. as Assistant Public Defender for Madison County Justice Court***

WHEREAS, County Administrator Donnie Caughman did appear before the Board and reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Kevin Broughton, Esq. from the position of Assistant Public Defender assigned to the Madison County Justice Court, effective August 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS, Justice Court Clerk Susan McCarty recommended the appointment of Boty McDonald, Esq. to serve in such capacity effective September 1, 2007 at the rate of pay previously established for said position,

Following discussion, Mr. Douglas L. Jones did offer and Mr. Tim Johnson did second a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Broughton and appoint Mr. McDonald to said position. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and said resignation was and is hereby accepted and the appointment of Mr. McDonald so made.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Acknowledgment of Hires and Resignations at the Sheriff's Department***

WHEREAS, Sheriff Toby Trowbridge did appear before the Board and presented five (5) new hires and four (4) resignations for the Sheriff's Department, a true and correct copy of a memorandum to this effect may be found in the Miscellaneous Appendix to these Minutes, and

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Following discussion, Mr. Karl M. Banks did offer and Mr. Douglas L. Jones did second a motion to acknowledge two (2) new hires and three (3) resignations/terminations for the month of June 2007 and three (3) new hires for the month of July 2007 at the Sheriff's Department. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried unanimously and said hires and resignations/terminations were and are acknowledged.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

***In re: Request to Allow the Sheriff's Department to Provide Security for and Wear Uniforms During the Viking Golf Classic to be Held September 24 through 30 at Annandale Country Club in Madison***

WHEREAS, Sheriff Toby Trowbridge appeared before the Board and requested permission to allow off-duty sheriff deputies provide security to for the Viking Golf Classic at the Annandale Country Club September 24 through 30, and to allow said deputies to make use of such items of equipment as he may deem necessary thereto, and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2006, the Board did approve Sheriff Deputies to wear their official uniforms when providing security to private concerns as per Senate Bill 2236 which took effect as law on July 1, 2006, and

WHEREAS, such action is necessary for the protection of the public and traffic safety due to the anticipated size of the crowd of spectators,

Following discussion, Mr. Andy Taggart did offer and Mr. Douglas L. Jones did second a motion to allow the Madison County Sheriff's Department to provide security during the Viking Golf Classic at Annandale Country Club on September 24 through 30, 2007 and deputies to wear official uniforms while providing such security and to utilize such equipment as the Sheriff may deem necessary. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Douglas L. Jones	Aye
Supervisor Tim Johnson	Aye
Supervisor Andy Taggart	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Not Present and Not Voting

the matter carried by the unanimous vote of those present and the Sheriff's Department was and is so authorized.

SO ORDERED this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

**President's Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi, upon motion duly made by Supervisor Tim Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Douglas L. Jones and approved by the unanimous vote of those present, the meeting of the August 2007 term of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned.

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Andy Taggart, President  
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Arthur Johnston, Chancery Clerk

**President's Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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