

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In re: Resolution of Support for locating the Mississippi Department of Revenue in the currently vacant Diversified Technologies, Inc., building in Ridgeland, Mississippi

Following discussion, Mr. Gerald Steen did offer and Mr. John Bell Crosby did second a motion to adopt and spread upon the Minutes the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the building formerly home of Diversified Technologies, Inc. (DTI), located at 476 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland, MS, is vacant and

WHEREAS, DTI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ergon, Inc., one of the largest privately held businesses in Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, DTI is one of three finalists to the Request for Proposals (RFP) process currently undergoing by the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Revenue for relocation of the Department of Revenue to a new headquarters location, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the DTI building will offer the Department of Revenue a suitable, cost effective new location for its new headquarters and offices.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Board the DTI building is the best candidate of the three finalists in the RFP process for many reasons, including but not limited to the following:

1. The DTI building's location offers easy access to and is in close proximity to Interstates 55, 220 and 20.
2. The DTI setting of the building on a beautiful campus surrounded by secure fencing is conducive to meeting the enhanced security requirements of the agency.
3. The building is currently without tenants offering the opportunity for immediate occupancy and can easily be modified to meet the needs specified by the Department of Revenue.
4. The building offers the 500 or more employees of the Department of Revenue easy access and close proximity to schools, restaurants, banks, shopping, fitness centers and other services that will improve the quality of employees' work environment and employee morale and productivity.

WHEREAS, recent action by both chambers of the Mississippi Legislature seek to intervene in the ongoing RFP process,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi that:

1. The Board expresses its full support of the proposal to locate the Mississippi Department of Revenue in the building formerly occupied by Diversified Technologies, Inc. (DTI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ergon, Inc.
2. The Board endorses the ongoing RFP process by the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the Mississippi Department of Revenue to determine a new location for the Department of Revenue among the proposals from three finalists, including the DTI building.
3. The Board asks the Legislature to allow the RFP process to work without political intervention so that Madison County has a fair shot through a transparent and competitive process to become the new location for the Mississippi Department of Revenue.
4. The Board asks the Governor to veto any legislation that reaches his desk that would intervene in the RFP process to determine a new location for the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor John Bell Crosby	Aye
Supervisor Ronny Lott	Aye
Supervisor Gerald Steen	Aye
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	Aye
Supervisor Paul Griffin	Aye

the matter carried unanimously and said Resolution was and is hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the 18th day of February, 2013.

Gerald Steen, President

ATTEST:

Arthur Johnston
Chancery Clerk