



Hancock County Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Board Meeting Room

1. Call to Order

A) Pledge of Allegiance

B) Invocation

2. Roll Call

3. Amendments to the Agenda

7.D.2. include any necessary budget amendment.

A) Motion to accept the agenda.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

4. Bid Openings

5. Announcements

A) The next regular scheduled Board of Supervisor's meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, June 15, 2026.

B) Biweekly payroll with check date May 22, 2026, totaled \$855,226.94.

6. External Business Agenda

A) Commendation Presentation — Hancock Middle School Students

1. Presentation of Commendations to Heroic Hancock Middle School Students.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

MOVER:

SECONDER:

AYES:

EXCUSED:

B) MAS 2026 Employee Scholarship Presentation

1. Presentation of the Certificate of Recognition and \$500 Scholarship Check to Landen Marquar.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

MOVER:

SECONDER:

AYES:

EXCUSED:

C) Port & Harbor Commission

1. Motion To Approve Hancock County Port And Harbor Commission's Docket Of Claims For May 26, 2026, In The Amount Of \$1,976,906.99 (GO \$130,291.32, RR \$187,439.01, IP \$249,542.39, AP \$1,409,634.27).

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

D) Jeff Loftus – GRPC

1. Motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Tidelands Payment Request No. 10 for the FY23 McLeod Park Bulkhead Improvements and the

Tidelands Payment Request No. 1 for the FY25 McLeod Park Bulkhead and Amenities Improvements to reimburse the County for engineering and construction services.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Discussion for the FY28 Tidelands Applications due July 1, 2026.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

MOVER:

SECONDER:

AYES:

EXCUSED:

E) Bruce Newton - Digital Engineering

1. Discussion/Motion to approve and authorize Digital Engineering to email Notice of Proposed Contract for Professional Engineering Services for Project 5.19 Silver Creek Acres Drainage Improvements to all Pre-qualified Engineers for GOMESA funding.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

7. Departmental Agendas

A) Emergency Management Agency

B) E-911/Dispatch

C) Animal Shelter

D) Justice Court

1. Motion to spread on the Minutes the Oath of Office for Hancock County Justice Court Deputy Court Clerks.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve and spread on the Minutes the following personnel changes and authorize any necessary budget amendments:

1. Remove Brooke Poolson from payroll effective May 15, 2026,
2. Remove Jannelle Carver from payroll as Justice Court Deputy Clerk effective May 15, 2026 due to her transfer to the Sheriff's Office,
3. Transfer Apryl Necaise to the Data Entry Clerk, with a rate of pay of \$16.50 per hour, effective June 1, 2026,
4. Hire Hannah Lee, as Deputy Clerk, at a rate of pay of \$13.50 per hour effective June 1, 2026,
5. Hire Parker Anderson, as Civil Clerk, at a rate of pay of \$18.00 per hour, effective June 1, 2026,
6. Adjust the pay of Lisa Hicks, Compliance Clerk, to 18.39 per hour, effective June 1, 2026,
7. Adjust the pay of Rachel Sekinger as Prosecuting Assistant, to \$18.87 per hour, effective June 1, 2026.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

3. Motion to approve Justice Court Judge Desmond Hoda, Brian Necaise and Eric Moran to attend the MJCJA 2026 Summer Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi on July 18-23, 2026; the Convention Fee is \$500.00 each.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

E) IT Department

F) Purchasing

1. Motion to approve and spread on the Minutes, the Credit Card Report for June 1, 2026. This report reflects all credit card charges that are on the docket for payment.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 4 Board President Adam

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve advertising for the six (6) month County Term Bids.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

G) Planning and Zoning

1. Motion to accept/reject/alter the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning Application Number 895 from the May 7, 2026, Planning and Zoning Minutes. After discussion, a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.

The record shows acceptance of the recommendation.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to accept/reject/alter the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning Application Number 903 from the May 7, 2026, Planning and Zoning Minutes. After discussion, a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.

The record shows acceptance of the recommendation.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty

Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

3. Motion to accept/reject/alter recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning Application Number 908 from the May 7, 2026, Planning and Zoning Minutes. After discussion, a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.

The record shows acceptance of the recommendation.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

4. Motion to accept/reject/alter the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning Application Number 909 from the May 7, 2026, Planning and Zoning Minutes. After discussion, a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.

The record shows acceptance of the recommendation.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 4 Board President Adam

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

5. Motion to accept/reject/alter recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning Application Number 910 from the May 7, 2026, Planning and Zoning Minutes. After discussion, a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.

The record shows acceptance of the recommendation.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

6. Motion to accept/reject/alter recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning Application Number 911 from the May 7, 2026, Planning and Zoning Minutes. After discussion, a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.

The record shows acceptance of the recommendation.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark
SECONDER: District 4 Board President Adam
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

8. Motion to accept/reject/alter recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning Application Number 917 from the May 7, 2026, Planning and Zoning Minutes. After discussion, the following Motion was approved: Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning P&Z Application Number 916 with the requirement that it is expressly stated on the final recorded plat that the road will remain a private road without any request for county maintenance unless the road becomes paved to county requirements.

The record shows acceptance of the recommendation.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam
SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

7. Motion to accept/reject/alter recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning Application Number 916 from the May 7, 2026, Planning and Zoning Minutes. After discussion, a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.

The record shows a representative regarding the Chandler Residential App 916 spoke to the Board. Mr. Scruggs stated the initial application was for 58 lots, compact but compliant with R1 requirements. It was reduced to 16 or 17 lots with a minimum of 3 acre lots, which are exempt from some subdivision requirements (such as water, sewer, etc.) because it exceeds 3 acres. District 4 Supervisor, Scotty Adam, asked why a variance was granted because it caused a hardship. That is why the lots were reduced. Mr. Adam stated he was not opposed to the project other than the road requirements, which need to state on the final recorded plat that the road will remain a private road until the road is brought up to county requirements.

After discussion, the following Motion was approved: Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning P&Z Application Number 916 with the requirement that it is expressly stated on the final recorded plat that the road will remain a private road without any request for county maintenance unless the road becomes paved to county requirements.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

H) Parks & Recreation

I) Inventory Clerk

1. Motion to approve the removal of the attached assets from inventory as they are broken beyond repair and hold no value to the County.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

J) Comptroller

1. Motion to approve the budget amendments for June 1, 2026.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve the following interfund transfers:
 - a. Transfer into the Fleet Maintenance Fund \$50,000.00, of that from the General fund \$14,000.00, the Road Fund \$33,000.00, and the Seawall fund \$3,000.00.
 - b. Transfer into the Arena Fund \$100,000.00 from the General Fund.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

3. Motion to approve the docket of claims for June 1, 2026, in the amount of \$2,122,651.14.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

K) Board Secretary

1. Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, May 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 4 Board President Adam

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

8. Elected/Appointed Agendas

A) Sheriff's Office

1. Motion to spread on the Minutes, acknowledgment of the receipt of the monthly inmate meal log from the Hancock County Adult Detention Center for the month of May 2026, as on file with the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Mississippi State Statute 19-25-74.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to spread on the Minutes the following personnel changes:
 - a. Remove John Bunce from the payroll, effective May 05, 2026,
 - b. Add Michael Guitreau to the payroll as a part-time Deputy, rate of pay \$15.00 per hour, effective June 01, 2026,
 - c. Change the rate of pay for Lynn Galbraith to \$25.22 per hour, effective June 01, 2026.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

B) Tax Assessor

1. Motion to approve and spread on the Minutes the Final Resolution Granting Exemption for Rocket Lab, USA, and authorize the Board President to sign.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to authorize a Fee In Lieu for Relativity Space. After discussion, the following Motion was approved: Motion to authorize County Attorney, Gary Yarborough and County Administrator, Jimmie Ladner to negotiate the Fee in Lieu with Relativity and bring it back for board approval at a subsequent meeting.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 4 Board President Adam

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

C) Circuit Clerk

D) County Court

E) Youth Court/Family Treatment Court

1. Motion to authorize the Hancock County Family Treatment Court to hold an Alumni event at the Park Ten Bowling Alley on Saturday, June 27, 2026, for past graduates of the court. We will rent 8 lanes for \$65.00 per lane for a total estimated cost of \$520.00. Invoice will be submitted after the event and final attendee count. Payment will be out of 010-173-5599 (Samhsa Grant).

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve payment of \$745.00 for conference registration fees for

Judge Favre to attend the NCJFCJ Conference in Nashville, July 18–23, 2026.
All travel expenses associated with this conference were previously approved at the January 20, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
 Adam, DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

F) Chancery Clerk

G) County Engineer

1. Motion to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the Summary Change Order No. 2 in the amount of (\$76,965.91) revised contract amount \$3,773,678.61 for Reconstruction of Texas Flat Road from Hwy 607 to Hwy 603.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam
SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
 Adam, DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

2. Motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Agent Authorization for Alex Davis to represent Hancock County for the Lakeshore Road Bridge SABP-23(01) Project.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 1 Supervisor Graham
SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
 Adam, DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

3. Motion to approve Letter of Recommendation to Moran Hauling, Inc. for Construction of Santa Rosa Pathway STP-0023-00(058) LPA / 109416-701000 in the amount of \$649,020.25.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
 Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

H) Road Manager

1. Motion to hire Robert Batieste in the Road Department North as a full-time Class A truck driver/laborer at a rate of pay of \$15.97 per hour, effective June 1, 2026, pending successful drug screening and physical.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to hire Craig Farve in the Road Department North as a full-time laborer at a rate of pay of \$13.67 per hour, effective June 1, 2026, pending successful physical and drug screening.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

I) Grant Administrator

J) County Administrator

1. Motion to request the Board of Supervisors to implement new security protocols at the Main Courthouse in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, consistent with the plan provided by the Circuit and Chancery Clerks.

The record shows to be paid from Board Capital.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

K) County Attorney

1. Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with the Port and

Harbor concerning the Comprehensive Plan.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

L) Director of Finance

1. Motion to approve and authorize payment to poll workers in the amount of \$20,916 for the Hancock County School District special election held on May 19, 2026.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

2. Motion to approve and add to today's docket reimbursement to County employee, Blake Lafontaine. Due to a flash flood event on May 25th, 2026 (Memorial Day), batteries were personally purchased at a cost of \$61.25 for use of additional county barricade lights.

RESULT: Approved (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

9. Supervisors Items

A) District 1

B) District 2

C) District 3

Thank you to the Board for allowing the jeepin the coast event.

D) District 4

E) District 5

Thanks to Leroy and crew

10. Public Comment

11. Executive Session

A) Motion to Enter into a Closed Session to Consider the appropriateness of an Executive Session regarding personnel issues in the E-911 Department.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

B) Motion to Enter the Executive Session regarding personnel issues in the E911 Department.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

C) Motion to Exit the Executive Session with Action Taken.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

D) Motion to authorize the County Attorney to retain a law firm under terms agreeable to him for a third party investigation concerning an ex-employee complaint in E-911.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

12. Recess

The Board Recessed until 10:00 a.m.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

13. Public Hearing - Homestead Exemption Objections - 10:00 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 10:00 a.m.

A) Motion to spread on the Minutes the Certified Mail receipts and Notice of Homestead Exemption Hearing letters as follows:

a. Homestead Exemption Disallowance Notice of Hearing Letter and Disallowance Notice to John H. Pierce,

b. Homestead Exemption Disallowance Notice of Hearing Letter and Disallowance Notice to Danny L. Lammers,

c. Certified Mail Receipts to John H. Pierce and Danny L. Lammers.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

B) Motion to consider objection and allow comment from Danny L. Lammers. After discussion, a Motion was approved by the Board to send a letter to the Department of Revenue requesting the allowance of the Lammer's Homestead Exemption.

The record shows that the Lammers appeared before the Board to provide comment regarding their objection. Gayle Lammers informed the Board that a mistake was made by the Clerk when they applied for the Homestead Exemption typing Mr. Lammers' middle initial as an "L." instead of a "J.", which is correct. The error was not discovered by the Lammers until the issue of their Homestead Exemption Disallowance. Mrs. Lammers stated they were sent a letter saying they did not pay their 2024 taxes, which she provided proof to the State and the error was corrected, but she also discovered that Yvonne Lammers was using her social security number, which has also been reported. After discussion, a Motion was approved by the Board to send a letter to the Department of Revenue requesting the allowance of the Lammer's Homestead Exemption.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,

DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

- C) Motion to consider objection and allow comment from John H. Pierce. After discussion, the Board approved a Motion to send a letter to the Department of Revenue requesting the allowance of Mr. Pierce's Homestead Exemption.

The record shows at the call of the matter, Mr. Pierce was not present in the Board Meeting Room to speak regarding his objection to the Homestead Exemption Disallowance. After discussion, the Board approved a Motion to send a letter to the Department of Revenue requesting the allowance of Mr. Pierce's Homestead Exemption.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

14. Comprehensive Plan

- A) Motion to spread on the Minutes the Certified Proof of Publication regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

- B) Motion to open and take under advisement Request For Proposals received regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

The record shows the following proposals were received regarding the Comprehensive Plan and taken under advisement.

WSP Inc

Slaughter and Willingham

Waggoner Engineering Inc

Orian Planning and Design

Michael Baker International

Allen Engineering and Science

Wise Business Plans
Westwood Professional Services Inc
Benchmark

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam
SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
 DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

15. Recess

The record shows the meeting recessed until 10:30 a.m.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
 DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

16. Public Hearing - Changes to the Road Registry - 10:30

Recess 10:30 at 10:16

- A) Motion to spread on the Minutes the Certified Proof of Publication in the Sea Coast Echo.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
 DarrinBo Ladner
EXCUSED:

- C) Discussion/Motion to consider adding Pin Oak Way to the Road Registry. After discussion, the following Motion was entered: Motion to appoint Leroy Lee, Road Manager, and Alex Davis, County Engineer to review the road and report back with their findings at the next meeting pursuant to Mississippi 65-7-57.

The record shows that no one was present at the Board Meeting to speak for or against Pin Oak Way. After discussion, the following Motion was entered: Motion to appoint Leroy Lee, Road Manager, and Alex Davis, County Engineer, to review the road and report back with their findings at the next meeting pursuant to Mississippi 65-7-57.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam
SECONDER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw
AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
 DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

- B) Discussion/Motion to consider the proposed abandonment and removal from the Road Registry of a portion of Road 202. After discussion and hearing comment from the public, the following Motion was entered: Motion to approve rejecting the proposed abandonment of the portion of Road 202 that is currently not being maintained by the county, and keep it in the Road Registry due to cutting off access to properties that extend past the asphalt portion.

The record shows that Road Manager Leroy Lee spoke to the Board regarding the request to abandon a portion of Road 202 that extends past the asphalt. The road is a total of 4,124 feet in length, with only 1,720 feet currently maintained by the county. The request is to abandon the remaining portion of Road 202 not being maintained by the county, as the county has never maintained the road past the asphalt and has no knowledge of traffic on the gravel portion.

Pursuant to Mississippi Code § 65-7-121 (2024)(1), the Board of Supervisors of any county may, upon its own motion or upon the petition of any interested resident of the county, by resolution spread upon its minutes, declare any section of the county road system abandoned upon a finding that one or more of the following circumstances are applicable to the section in question:

- (a) The section does not provide primary access to occupied properties;
- (b) Traffic on the section has, for a period of at least ten (10) consecutive years, been intermittent and of such low volume that no substantial public purpose is being served thereby;
- (c) The Board of Supervisors has, for a period of at least the previous five (5) consecutive years, not maintained such section as part of the county road system; or
- (d) For any reason, the public interest or convenience does not require the section to remain open to the public, or it is in the public interest or convenience to close, vacate, and abandon the section.

Pursuant to subsection (c), the portion of the road extending past the asphalt, where the county maintenance sign is located, has not been maintained by the county for the previous five (5) years.

Richard and Rebecca Simon spoke to the Board, stating that they have lived at the end of the blacktop portion of the road for at least 30 years and that it has been maintained by the county during that time. They stated that the gravel road extending past the asphalt was graded by the county at one time because a school bus traveled that route. However, after the school bus stopped using the gravel portion, the property owner requested that the county discontinue grading it. The owner later sold part of the property, and that portion has never been maintained by the county.

Road 202 extends from Preacher Powell Road. The residents who live past the asphalt portion must travel down Road 202, along the Simons' property, and onto the gravel road. In doing so, they must pass over the portion maintained by the county before reaching the gravel section that is not maintained by the county. Mr. and Mrs. Simon stated that they wanted to ensure that none of the asphalt portion of the road currently maintained by the county would be abandoned.

Initially, they were in favor of abandoning the gravel portion of Road 202 extending past the asphalt because it did not affect their property. Steven Wyatt spoke to the Board in opposition to the abandonment of the gravel portion that is not currently maintained by the county. Mr. Wyatt stated that he lives approximately one-quarter mile past the asphalt portion of the road. He stated that he and his family have a young child and that school buses will need access to the area in approximately five years. He further stated that he and the other property owners who live past the asphalt need a means of ingress and egress to their properties.

Richard Simon addressed the Board again, stating that Ben Acken has been maintaining the gravel portion of the road. After hearing Mr. Wyatt's comments, Mr. and Mrs. Simon stated that they were no longer in favor of abandoning the gravel portion of Road 202 extending past the asphalt because doing so would cut off access to the properties located beyond that point.

The County Attorney stated that the road meets the requirements of subsection (c), as the Board of Supervisors has not maintained that section as part of the county road system for at least the previous five (5) consecutive years. However, he stated that he would be reluctant to abandon the road because doing so would cut off access for property owners who live past the asphalt portion. The County Attorney recommended that the Board not abandon the portion of Road 202 that is not currently maintained by the county.

After discussion and hearing comments from the public, the following motion was entered: Motion to reject the proposed abandonment of the portion of Road 202 that is currently not being maintained by the county and to keep it in the Road Registry due to the fact that abandonment would cut off access to properties extending past the asphalt portion.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

17. Adjourn

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

The Minutes of the June 1, 2026 meeting have been read and approved.

Scotty Adam

Supervisor Scotty Adam, President