



Feb. 1, 2007

CLERK'S CLIPS



Volume I, Issue 8



Dear Friends,

During the month of January, Chancellor Cynthia L Brewer conducted a docket call of all cases filed from 1/1/1995 to 10/1/2006.

Of the 1,154 cases originally noticed for the call, **593** were disposed of as of January 30, 2007! Our office was extremely busy - as was Court Administrator Rita Carpenter - so busy in fact that we did not get out a January newsletter! But our efforts paid off in reducing our open files by half.

Chancellor Janace Harvey-Goree will be conducting a docket call of her cases in late June, 2007. More information will follow next month.

Jennifer Hawks, formerly an attorney with the Department of Human Services, now serves as Judge Brewer's staff attorney. Ms. Hawks graduated from Ole Miss Law School in 2004 and also clerked at the Supreme Court of Mississippi. Jennifer is a true professional, and our office is delighted to work with her. Welcome, Jennifer!

Best Regards!



FEATURE STORY

Many of you know that our office is the official depository for the official records of the Madison County Board of Supervisors. Board Minutes are prepared by our office, presented to and approved by the Board during the subsequent term, and then signed by the Board President. The originals are maintained in official folders located in our fireproof vault, and a copy of each set of Minutes may be found in the Board Minute Books located across from our Court counter. Electronic versions, together with exhibits, are also available (and searchable) on the county's website. In addition to the Minutes and exhibits to the Minutes, our office maintains a "Miscellaneous Appendix" for each Board meeting which contains various materials which were considered by the Board but which may or may not have been acted upon. The Board meets in monthly terms and conducts sessions on the first, second and fourth Mondays, recessing from meeting to meeting until adjournment. If you ever need assistance with Board Minutes or meetings, please contact Deputy Clerk and Board Secretary Cynthia Parker at 601-855-5535.



PASSPORTS:

As of January 23, 2007, anyone entering the United States by air is required to possess a current and valid passport. Prior to today, individuals traveling by air - as opposed to those traveling by cruise ship, bus or automobile - to destinations such as Canada, Mexico and the Bahama Islands were not required to hold a passport for re-entry into the U.S. and could simply show a birth certificate or other means of identification. This practice for **air** travelers will no longer be allowed. U.S. Citizens traveling to **any** destination outside the U.S. by air will now be required to possess a passport in order to return.

In order to assist county residents in securing a passport, our office has been designated as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Agent. We can assist anyone in need of a passport and can certify applications. In order to apply, a citizen must submit a properly completed Passport Application, together with **(a)** an original or a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate, previously issued U.S. Passport, or Certificate of Naturalization; **(b)** a valid driver's license or other state-issued identification card; and **(c)** two(2) passport photos. Applications are available in our office or may be downloaded at www.travel.state.gov. In addition to processing the applications, we take and process the required photos. Fees are \$97.00 for regular service and \$194.20 for expedited service, plus a \$10.00 fee for the photos. Applicants can expect to receive passports within eight (8) weeks with regular service and about two (2) weeks using expedited service. For more information, call 601-855-5524 or log on to the chancery clerk's webpage at www.madison-co.com/chanceryclerk and click on "Passports."

ARTHUR JOHNSTON

MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK

P.O. BOX 404 · 146 W. CENTER ST. · CANTON, MS 39046

PHONE: (601) 855-5537 · FAX: (601) 855-5759

WEBSITE: WWW.MADISON-CO.COM · EMAIL: JOHNSTON@MADISON-CO.COM