

Quick Notes: The Madison County Board of Supervisors Meeting, January 21, 2020

- Newly elected Transportation Commissioner for the Central District, Willie Simmons, spoke to the Madison County Board of Supervisors (the Board) and assured them of his commitment to Madison County's infrastructure needs. He noted that the first \$30mm received through Mississippi's new Lottery is set aside for paving two-lane highways in Mississippi.
- A representative with Mississippi Engineering Group (MSEG) provided the Board with an update on Reunion 2, Phase B. The MSEG representative advised the Board that the preliminary design has been completed almost two weeks early and now the Mississippi Department of Transportation has to approve the design. Upon approval, an environmental study must be completed and then right-of-way acquisitions can begin.
- A representative from Stantec Consulting provided the Board with an update on the project from Highway 51 to Parkway East. They advised that the environmental study has been completed and they will have completed purchasing right-of-way property in the next three months. The project is expected to take three years to complete at a cost \$10MM, of which, \$4.4MM is coming from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.
- A representative from Neel Schaffer Engineers provided the Board with an update on the work that is being done from Highway 463 to Reunion Parkway. They advised that the environmental study has been completed and that they are in the appraisal process and will have to purchase 51 parcels. The budget for this two year construction project is \$22MM-\$24MM. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2022.
- The Board was advised that the Gluckstadt Road project should be completed in the next month and may be under the \$2MM budgeted amount.
- The Board will send names to the Governor from which he can appoint members to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District; Supervisor Gerald Steen was appointed to the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District Board of Directors; and Alvin Davis was appointed as the at-large board member for Citizen Services.
- Madison County Prosecutor Pamela Hancock requested, and the Board approved, a resolution to support her efforts with the Mississippi State Legislature to amend a current statute to allow her office to hire an Assistant County Prosecutor in the future.
- The Board awarded *Gov Deals* a contract to sell, on behalf of Madison County, surplus property.

- The Board voted to hire Butler Snow Law Firm to provide government relations services in Washington, DC to maximize Madison County's ability to secure grants to improve infrastructure in Madison County.
- The Board awarded Hemphill Construction the contract for construction on the Ben Lockett Road Bridge.
- The Board approved acquiring right-of-ways/easements for drainage improvements in Oakdale Boulevard and Yandell Road at Aulenbrock Drive.
- The Board approved the final plat for phase 1 of *The Villas of Bridgewater*.
- The Board approved the final plat for Coventry Subdivision, part 2.
- Madison County Tax Collector Kay Pace requested, and the Board approved, an up to six month contract with Temp Staff to provide assistance in cataloging required documents.
- The Board hired Mack Pigg to work with Madison County Emergency Services and with the Madison County Fire Coordinator.

**The next Madison County Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for
Monday, February 3, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.**