

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DISTRICT FOUR SUPERVISOR LEE CALDWELL, PRESIDING**

**January 16, 2024**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The **January 16, 2024** meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Lee Caldwell Board President. This called meeting was preempted by a snow and ice event that closed county offices, except for the Board meeting, and hampered public participation. The Board of Supervisors met to handle business that could not wait, and to table all other business until the public could participate.

Supervisor Mark Gardner opened the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear all business before the Board of Supervisors. The following officials were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	District 1
Supervisor Mark Gardner	District 2
Supervisor Ray Denison	District 3
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Robert Foster	District 5
Absent	Sheriff's Department
Absent	Chancery Clerk
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator
Tony Nowak	Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

Supervisor Lee Caldwell offered the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. Approval of Agenda: Additions & Deletions**

1. New Business – Emergency Proclamation

Supervisor Ray Denison said the difference in the roads in DeSoto County and Bruce, Mississippi north was amazing. Supervisor Denison said he drove back from Bruce on

the snow and ice. He said we are blessed to have the Road Department working in these weather events. They did a great job.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to ratify the declared local state of emergency and authorize the Board President to sign the proclamation, and make it part of the minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

## 2. Emergency Purchase – Facilities

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Robert Foster seconded the motion to acknowledge the Facilities Department had to make an emergency repair on the Dispatch Center for the backup generator during the winter storm. The bill from the repair has not come in and could not be quoted in advance since it was a service, but we will bring it back up at the next meeting to make it part of the minutes at the next meeting. All in accordance with MS Code 31-7-13, it is noted that a delay incident of this emergency purchase would have jeopardized the Sheriff’s Department Dispatch operation. Consequently, the Facilities Department engaged Cummins to repair the emergency generator. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District	<u>YES</u>
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

## 3. Table of All Other Business

Supervisor Ray Denison made them motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to table all other business on the agenda, but for one item for executive session, due to county offices being closed due to snow and ice closing county offices and recessing the meeting until January 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>YES</u>
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Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District YES  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District YES

**E. EXECUTIVE**

The executive session portion of these minutes is recorded under the portion of the minutes called “Executive Session”.

Supervisor Mark Gardner made the motion and Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion to recess the Board meeting until Tuesday, January 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District YES  
Supervisor Mark Gardner, Second District YES  
Supervisor Ray Denison, Third District YES  
Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Fourth District YES  
Supervisor Robert Foster, Fifth District YES

THIS the 5th day of February, 2024, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Lee Caldwell, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors