

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**DISTRICT TWO SUPERVISOR MARK GARDNER, PRESIDING**  
**February 16, 2021**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The February 16, 2021 meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Mark Gardner, Board President.

Supervisor Michael Lee 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 – ABSENT DUE TO SNOW
Supervisor Mark Gardner	District 2
Supervisor Ray Denison	District 3 – BY PHONE
Supervisor Lee Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Michael Lee	District 5
Sheriff Bill Rasco	Sheriff's Department - ABSENT
Misty Heffner	Chancery Clerk – BY PHONE
Vanessa Lynchard	County Administrator
Tony Nowak	Board Attorney – BY PHONE

This meeting was a continuation of the Board's recessed February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. However due to the county being blanketed in five inches of snow, and the roads being dangerous for travel, the Board of Supervisors met for the sole reason of addressing the state of emergency within the County and continuing all business until Monday, February 22, 2021. County offices are closed and the majority of public would have a difficult time getting to the Board of Supervisors meeting. Although the Board members have worked through this weather event, they decided the public was best served postponing the public hearings and other business on this day's agenda until the public could be present. Notice of the Board's intention to table all matters on this day's agenda to February 22<sup>nd</sup> has been provided to the public via the County's website and social media outlets.

**B. INVOCATION**

Supervisor Lee Caldwell offered the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

Supervisor Gardner asked if there was anyone who wished to add or delete items to the Agenda.

Only EMA Director Chris Olson attended the meeting, since there was five inches of snow on the ground. He spoke his request for an addition as follows:

**1. EMA Chief Chris Olson requested to add the following:**

**a. Emergency Proclamation**

After discussing the weather event that the county, and much of the State of Mississippi, is experiencing Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Michael Lee seconded the motion to approve the Emergency Proclamation for DeSoto County.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>ABSENT DUE TO SNOW</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 Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

**See Exhibit D.1.a.**

**b. Decision to Table All County Business From This Meeting**

Supervisor Mark Gardner said the Supervisors previously discussed the best option to handle business previously planned for this meeting. Since weather conditions would not allow the public to attend the meeting, and since there are public hearings and matters that invited public input, and since there are no items on the agenda that are time sensitive to be handled on this day, the Board of Supervisors feel the best choice for the people of DeSoto County is to table all business until February 22, when weather conditions should allow business to be handled in a normal and safe manner. Seeing no one from the public attended the meeting, Supervisor Gardner said it appears the Board's concerns are valid.

Supervisor Lee Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Michael Lee seconded the motion to table all other business on this agenda and recess until February 22, 2021 at 9:00.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin, First District	<u>ABSENT DUE TO SNOW</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 Michael Lee, Fifth District	<u>YES</u>

THIS the 1st day of March, 2021, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Mark Gardner, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors