

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

BE IT REMEMBERED that there was begun and held a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, at 7:30 P. M., October 4, 1977, in the Board Room of the City Hall.

Those Present: Mayor Sidney O. Smith

City Attorney: Thomas W. Tyner

Aldermen: W. E. Boutwell
W. H. Campbell
George B. Draughn
Bobby W. Runnels
Robert E. Russell

Others Present: Leon Perry and Many Others

Mayor Smith declared a quorum was present and declared the City Council in session.

The invocation was offered by Bobby W. Runnels.

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 20, 1977, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith asked for public comment.

THEREUPON, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen heard the protest of the following taxpayers on the assessment of their property.

A. G. Sledge
Lloyd Ward
Louise C. Cox
Robert C. White
Martha Hamilton
Norfleet Holton
J. A. Griffin
Gerald D. Draughn
L. L. White
Idalia J. Myers
H. S. Prestridge
Charles P. Carter
Mrs. L. W. Carter

THEREUPON, the protestors were told that their protest would be taken under advisement.

WHEREAS, the hour of 7:30 P. M. having arrived, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen proceeded to open and publicly read sealed bids for the Aerosol Generator. The bid read as follows:

ALBERT WOODS WHOLESALE, INC/Monroe Road/Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Mississippi State License No. 5463
Senate Bill 2028, Laws of 1962

September 20, 1977

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Petal
Petal, Mississippi

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your advertisement for bids, we take pleasure in quoting you on the following:

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A-5595 PETAL-CITY-HALL

ONE Aerosol Generator as per specifications.
 ENGINE: 9.2 hp cast iron "oil-field type",
 electric self-starter and generator,
 2.75 gallon fuel tank.
 MANUFACTURE: LONDON FOG COMPANY, LONDONAIRE ULV.
 DIMENSIONS: 38" long, 34" wide, 31" high.
 DRY WEIGHT: 320 pounds.
 AIR PUMP: V-4 cylinder with TIMKEN tapered
 rooler bearings.
 CONTROLS: Remote Control Panel, one man for
 operation from vehicle cab. Includes
 stainless steel flow meter and flow
 NOZZLE: All metal, precision machined, (no plastic
 parts to wear out) mounted on ball swivel
 joint for convenient directional adjustment.
 INSECTIDE TANK: 16-gallon, integrally mounted for
 single set-up and removal from
 truck bed.

PRICE: \$2,795.00 each. F. O. B. PETAL CITY HALL

"The bid herein made does not exceed
 the state contract price fixed by the
 current indexed list of commodities or
 the item hereby bid upon is not con-
 tained on said current list".

Trusting the above meets with your approval, I remain

Sincerely yours,
 ALBERT WOODS WHOLESALE, INC.

By /s/ Albert S. Woods, Jr.
 Albert S. Woods, Jr.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to accept this bid. Alderman
 Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, the hour of 7:30 P. M. having arrived, the Mayor and Board of Alder-
 men proceeded to open and publicly read sealed bids for the collection and disposal of
 garbage and trash.

THEREUPON, the only proposal received was from H. R. Morgan, Inc. The bid did
 not meet specifications; therefore, the aldermen find that no bid was received and the
 matter was taken under advisement.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented the following Proofs of Publication to the Board.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REAL AND PERSONAL
 AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLLS OF THE CITY
 OF PETAL AND THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE
 SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - Garbage and Trash Pick-Up
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS - Aerosal Generator

THEREUPON, Alderman Campbell made a motion that the Proofs of Publication be
 accepted and filed. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

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WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that a letter had been received from Hand Aerial Photography stating that they would be taking aerial photos of this area if the Board was interested in obtaining photos of the Petal area.

THEREUPON, the Board was in agreement that it would not be interested in obtaining these photos.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented a list of supplies needed by the Highways & Streets Department to take care of the drainage problems faced by this department. The following Order was presented to the Board.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the City of Petal, Mississippi, is experiencing great problems and difficulties in events of heavy rains causing the facilities of the municipality, the water and sewage department of the municipality, and the homes of the citizens to be inundated with rain water and other natural water flows and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen having found that such situation is caused and created by an act of God,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordered that the Mayor of the City of Petal be, and he is hereby authorized to obtain from at least three (3) reputable concerns licensed to do business in the State of Mississippi, certain equipment set forth herein, in order to do the necessary engineering and survey work to solve the problem so created.

1 Tripold
1 Transit
1 Level (self-level)
2 Level Rods
2 Range Poles
3 Plumb Bobs
2 Matlic Tapes (50'x100')
100 Flat Stakes (18"x2"x2")
100 Square Stakes (18"x2"x2")
1 Can Eng. Tacks
1 100" Steel Chain

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 4th day of October, A. D., 1977.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the order and to have Homer Joe Pearce obtain three quotations for the needed equipment. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, City Attorney, Thomas W. Tyner, read the following resolution requesting that eligibility be established to allow the City of Petal to participate in the State Federal Property Assistance program with the Mississippi Surplus Property Procurement Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Surplus Property Procurement Commission, by authority of the Federal Property and Administra-

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tive Services Act of 1949 as amended, makes available federal surplus property to public agencies for public purposes and to nonprofit tax-exempt health and educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, the City of Petal, Mississippi, hereafter referred to as the Applicant, is desirous of utilizing the services and resources of this agency, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant certifies that it is a public agency or a nonprofit educational or health institution exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant further certifies that property is needed and will be used by the recipient for carrying out or promoting for the residents of a given political area one or more public purposes and for no other purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant further certifies that property is needed for and will be used by the recipient for educational or public health purposes including research and for no other purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant agrees that all items of property shall be placed in use for the purposes for which acquired within one year from the date the property was placed in use, and in the event the property is not so placed in use, or continued in use, the donee shall immediately notify the State Agency, and return said property to the State Agency as directed, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant further agrees to abide by all additional periods of restriction placed on property by the State Agency; that is, eighteen (18) months on all passenger motor vehicles and other items of property with a unit acquisition cost of \$3000 or more, except for such items of major equipment on which the State Agency designates a further period of restriction as indicated on the distribution document, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant further agrees that during the period of restriction, it will not sell, trade, lease, lend, bail, encumber, or otherwise dispose of such property without prior approval of the General Services Administration or the State Agency, and in the event property is so disposed of without prior approval of the General Services Administration or the State Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant further agrees to remit promptly to the State Agency for all fees assessed on all property acquired for service and handling expenses,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Applicant requests that eligibility be established to participate in the State Federal Property Assistance program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sidney O. Smith, Mayor of the City of Petal, Mississippi, be authorized to act on behalf of the governing body of the Applicant in acquiring federal surplus property and so obligate said governing body to the aforementioned certifications and agreements, and that such person be authorized, at his discretion, to further delegate authority to any employee of the Applicant organization for the

purpose of acquiring surplus property for use by the applicant organization.

/s/ Sidney O. Smith
SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Priscilla C. Daniel
Priscilla C. Daniel, City Clerk

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THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to give the Mayor the power to execute the necessary document to assure Civil Rights Compliance in conforming with the qualifications for receiving surplus property from the State Surplus Property Agency. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented claims numbers 2687 through 2732 to the Board.

THEREUPON, Alderman Campbell made a motion to pay claims numbers 2687 through 2730, rejecting claims numbers 2731 and 2732. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, City Attorney, Thomas W. Tyner informed the Board that in reference to the operation of the East Forrest Utility District, they may establish a Municipal Public Utility Commission and appoint three to five commissioners to be elected by the Board of Aldermen.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to operate the East Forrest Utility District by the Board of Aldermen, and not to establish a Municipal Public Utility Commission. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn

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Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that due to the fact that Alderman Draughn has been a commissioner of the East Forrest Utility District, would the Board have any objections to Alderman Draughn serving as Chairman of the Water Department Committee.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to appoint Alderman Runnels and Alderman Campbell to serve with Alderman Draughn on the water committee. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith read the following order concerning the employment of the water department employees by the City of Petal.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the City of Petal, Mississippi, having assumed the East Forrest Utility District, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, deem it necessary to appoint the following:

Helen Baylis	Secretary	\$3.75 per hour
Cecelia Breland	Secretary	\$3.75 per hour
Leroy Scott	Assistant Superintendent	\$4.45 per hour
Scott Romines	Meter Reader	\$3.37 per hour
Stanely Romines	Maintenance	\$3.64 per hour
Elmo Byrd	Maintenance	\$3.75 per hour

for the City of Petal Water and Sewer Department, to serve from October 4, 1977, until further orders of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 4th day of October, A. D., 1977.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Campbell made a motion to adopt the order. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that due to the acquisition of the East Forrest Utility District, a depository needed to be named for the water department funds.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to adopt the following order. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

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O R D E R

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, find that First Mississippi National Bank of Hattiesburg, has been duly and legally qualified according to law as a depository for the funds of the City of Petal Water and Sewer Department, and the funds and accounts are as follows:

- REVENUE FUNDS
- METER DEPOSIT FUNDS
- REPAIR AND EXTENSION FUND
- BOND AND INTEREST FUND
- DEBT SERVICES ACCOUNT

The Board further finds that said money shall be withdrawn from said accounts or funds by warrants signed and executed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor and City Clerk issue the proper commission to said bank as Municipal Depository for the period October, 1977, through January 1, 1978.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Petal be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all steps and perform all acts convenient, necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes and requirements of this Order and to complete the qualification of the said First Mississippi National Bank of Hattiesburg, as Municipal Depositories of the City of Petal for the period October, 1977, through January 1, 1978, and further, that all acts and things done and performed by said Mayor and City Clerk in the premises be, and the same are hereby fully ratified, confirmed and approved.

SO ORDERED by unanimous vote of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 4th day of October, A. D., 1977.

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Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that there was a need for a Superintendent of the Water Department.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the following order appointing Homer Joe Pearce. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem it necessary to employ a superintendent of the Water Department.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Homer Joe Pearce be, and he is hereby appointed to the position of Superintendent of Water Department and Highways & Streets, effective October 1, 1977, at a salary of \$1100 per month, until further orders of the Mayor and

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Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SO ORDERED on this, the 4th day of October, A. D., 1977.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that the financial department is in need of extra help.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to give the City Clerk permission to hire a qualified person with the beginning salary to be \$450.00 to \$500.00 per month. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that the Certification Program for Clerks, Assessors, and Collectors is set to begin October 7, and requested the wishes of the Board concerning this school.

THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion to allow the City Clerk to participate in this program. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion that the meeting be recessed until the 5th day of October, A. D., 1977, at 7:00 P. M., at the City Hall. Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered recessed until 7:00 P. M., October 5, 1977, in the Board Room of the City Hall on this the 4th day of October, A. D., 1977.

WHEREAS, the recessed meeting was called to order on this the 5th day of October, A. D., 1977, at 7:00 P. M., in the Board Room of the City Hall in the City of

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Petal, Mississippi. Mayor Smith declared a quorum was present and declared the City Council in session.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen heard the protest of the following taxpayers on the assessment of their property:

- Hoyt & Willie C. Barrett
- Jack W. Burt
- Howard Rushing
- Helen C. Moses
- Harry L. Hatten
- Haughey and Tommie Wallace, Jr.
- Idahlia J. Myers
- William Martin
- William Wible

THEREUPON, the protestors were told that their protest would be taken under advisement.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that a depository was needed to be named for the Water Department Operation and Maintenance Fund.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to adopt the following order naming Citizens Bank as depository. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

O R D E R

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, find that Citizen's Bank of Hattiesburg, has been duly and legally qualified according to law as a depository for the funds of the City of Petal Water and Sewer Department, and the funds and accounts are as follows:

WATER AND SEWER OPERATING MAINTENANCE FUNDS

The Board further finds that said money shall be withdrawn from said accounts or funds by warrants signed and executed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor and City Clerk issue the proper commission to said bank as Municipal Depository for the period October 1977, through January 1, 1978.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Petal be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all steps and perform all acts convenient, necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes and requirements of this Order and to complete the qualification of the said Citizen's Bank of Hattiesburg, as Municipal Depositories of the City of Petal for the period October, 1977, through January 1, 1978, and further, that all acts and things done and performed by said Mayor and City Clerk in the premises be, and the same are hereby fully ratified, confirmed and approved.

SO ORDERED by unanimous vote of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 4th day of October, A. D., 1977.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

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Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented the Board the following quotations for the emergency equipment needed by the highways and streets department.

LAUREL BLUEPRINT COMPANY	\$1687.00
NEELY BLUEPRINT COMPANY	\$1917.50
CAMPBELL BLUEPRINT COMPANY	\$2768.50

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to accept Laurel Blueprint Company's bid and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to purchase the emergency equipment. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion that the meeting be recessed until the 6th day of October, A. D., 1977, at 7:00 P. M., at the City Hall. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered recessed until 7:00 P. M., October 6, 1977, in the Board Room of the City Hall on this the 5th day of October, A. D., 1977.

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WHEREAS, the recessed meeting was called to order on this the 6th day of October, A. D., 1977, at 7:00 P. M., in the Board Room of the City Hall in the City of Petal, Mississippi. Mayor Smith declared a quorum was present and declared the City Council in session.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen heard the protest of the following taxpayers on the assessment of their property:

- D. W. Averett
- William H. Holder
- Horace Blackwell
- Charles W. Lambert
- Earl Beesley
- Boykin F. Farmer
- George B. Draughn

THEREUPON, the protestors were told that their protest would be taken under advisement.

Then came on for consideration of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen such corrections and adjustments to the real property tax roll. Thereupon, a motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Campbell and unanimously adopted to make the following corrections to the real property tax roll:

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CHANGES TO LAND ROLL - CITY OF PETAL

- 61225240 - A. G. Sledge - reduce acreage to 10 acres - reduce land value 10%
- 62540307 - Lloyd Ward - reduce value of garage to 780 - reduce value of land 10%
- 63100071 -
- 63100128 - Martha A. Hamilton - delete these parcels - double assessment
- 61112375 - Gerald D. Draughn - reduce value of 5.3 acres 50% - low land
- 61112350 - Gerald D. Draughn - take buildings off roll
- 61112020 - Gerald D. Draughn - reduce land value 30% - low land
- 61111160 - H. S. Prestridge - take building off roll
- 61236426 - Haughey Wallace - reduce value of lot 30% - triangular lot
- 63520303 - Haughey Wallace - add building value of \$5,890
- 61236456 - Haughey Wallace - add building of 260
- 61112270 -
- 61112275 - H. L. Hatten - reduce land value by 10%
- 62210308
- 62825110 - Howard Rushing - reduce land value by 20%
- 61112045 - D. W. Averett - reduce value of land (9 acres) 25%
- 60507640 - Horace Blackwell - reduce value of house to \$6,000
- 61112305 - George B. Draughn - reduce value of land 20%; reduce value of house to \$25,000 - reduce value of chicken house to \$500 - reduce value of tenant house to \$6,000

CHANGES TO LAND ROLL - PETAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 00621170 - Helen C. Moses - change name to Claud E. Daniel
- 00412090 - Louise Cox - reduce value of land 20% - flood zone
- 00629160 - Hoyt & Willie Barrett - reduce value of house to \$4,000
- 00510080 - B. F. Farmer - reduce value of building to \$5,000
- 01223050 - Mae Lambert - reduce value of land 5%
- 01223060 -
- 01223070 - Charles Lambert - reduce value of land 5%
- 01233080
- 00609010-050 -
- 00609010-075 - Earl Beesley - reduce value of land 10%
- 00604130

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WHEREAS, Mayor Smith requested the wishes of the Board concerning claims number 2731 and 2732 which were rejected previously.

THEREUPON, Alderman Campbell made a motion to pay claims numbers 2731 and 2732. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Robert E. Russell
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to recess until the 11th day of October, A. D., 1977, at 7:00 P. M., at the City Hall. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

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Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Robert E. Russell
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered recessed until 7:00 P. M., October 11, 1977, in the Board Room of the City Hall on this the 6th day of October, A. D., 1977.

WHEREAS, the recessed meeting was called to order on this the 11th day of October, A. D., 1977, at 7:00 P. M., in the Board Room of the City Hall in the City of Petal, Mississippi. Mayor Smith declared a quorum was present and declared the City Council in session.

THEREUPON, Mr. H. R. Nobles, Superintendent of Education, presented to the Board the following Resolution requesting a Special Election on the School bond issue for the Petal Municipal Separate School District.

R E S O L U T I O N

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, took up for consideration the matter of calling a special election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Petal Municipal Separate School District a proposal for the issuance of school construction and improvement bonds, and after a discussion of the subject, Alderman Boutwell offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN THE PETAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the corporate boundaries of the Petal Municipal Separate School District embrace the entire area of the City of Petal and certain additional territory, and the governing authority of said Petal Municipal Separate School District for the purpose of the issuance of bonds is the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of said Petal Municipal Separate School District has heretofore adopted a resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal to call and provide for the holding of an election on the proposition hereinafter set forth, and has caused a certified copy of said resolution to be filed with said Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal do now find and determine that it is necessary and advisable and in the best interest of said Petal Municipal Separate School District that certain school improvements and facilities be provided, as requested by said Board of Trustees, and as hereinafter set forth and

This resolution placed herein by error and purged pursuant to order of the Mayor & Board of Aldermen on 6th of December, 1977 Minute Book III Page 28

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WHEREAS, the assessed valuation of taxable property within said Petal Separate School District, as ascertained by the last completed assessment, is as follows:

Real Estate.	\$17,384,240.00
Personal Property.	\$ 560,680.00
Motor Vehicles.	\$ 4,554,906.00
Public Utility Properties.	\$ 3,456,846.00
Total.	\$25,956,672.00

WHEREAS, the said Petal Municipal Separate School District now has no outstanding bonded indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the amount of bonds of said Petal Municipal Separate School District hereinafter proposed to be issued, to-wit: Three Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,750,000.00), when added to the aforesaid outstanding bonded indebtedness of said District, will not in the aggregate exceed fifteen per centum (15%) of the aforesaid assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal find and declare that the purposes for which the proposed bonds are to be issued, as hereinafter set out in the body of this resolution, are purposes authorized by Section 37-59-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and find and determine that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal are authorized to call an election to be held in said Petal Municipal Separate School District for the purpose of submitting to the electors thereof the proposition hereinafter set out:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That a special election shall be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held within the Petal Municipal Separate School District of Forrest County, Mississippi, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of November, 1977, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Petal Municipal Separate School District of Petal, Forrest County, Mississippi, issue its bonds in the principal amount of Three Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,750,000.00) to raise money for the purpose of erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling, and enlarging school buildings and related facilities, including gymnasiums, auditoriums, lunch rooms, vocational training buildings, libraries, school barns, garages for transportation vehicles, and purchasing land therefor, establishing and equipping school athletic fields and necessary facilities connected therewith, and purchasing land therefor, and providing necessary water, light, heating, and sewerage facilities for school buildings and purchasing land therefor?

SECTION II. That said special election shall be held at the polling places hereinafter set forth in the form of "NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION" as contained in SECTION III of this resolution. The polling places for said election shall be opened at 7:00 o'clock in the morning and shall be kept open until 6:00 o'clock

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in the evening of the aforesaid date, and all qualified electors of said Petal Municipal Separate School District will be entitled to vote in the said election.

SECTION III. That the City Clerk shall give not less than three weeks notice of said election by publication of the notice thereof in the Hattiesburg American, a newspaper published in Forrest County, Mississippi, and having a general circulation in said School District, and being qualified under Chapter 427, Laws of Mississippi of 1948. The said notice shall be published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks next preceding the date of said election, the first of which publications shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of said election and the last of which publications shall be made not more than seven (7) days prior to the date of said election. The said notice shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

PETAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Petal Municipal Separate School District of Forrest County, Mississippi, that a special election will be held on said District on

Tuesday, the 22nd day of November, 1977

for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said Petal Municipal Separate School District the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Petal Municipal Separate School District of Petal, Forrest County, Mississippi, issue its bonds in the principal amount of Three Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,750,000.00) to raise money for the purpose of erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling, and enlarging school buildings and related facilities, including gymnasiums, auditoriums, lunch rooms, vocational training buildings, libraries, school barns, garages for transportation vehicles, and purchasing land therefor, establishing and equipping school athletic fields and necessary facilities connected therewith, and purchasing land therefor, and providing necessary water, light, heating, and sewerage facilities for school buildings and purchasing land therefor?

The said election will be held at the following polling places within said District, to-wit:

WARD I	Petal High School Old Richton Road
WARD II	Petal High School Old Richton Road
WARD III	W. L. Smith Elementary 400 Hill Crest Drive
WARD IV	W. L. Smith Elementary 400 Hill Crest Drive
SUNRISE PRECINCT	Sunrise School
MACEDONIA PRECINCT	Macedonia Baptist Church
PETAL-LEEVIILE PRECINCT	Forrest County Beat 2 Barn
PETAL-HARVEY PRECINCT	W.L. Smith Elementary
PETAL HIGH SCHOOL PRECINCT	Petal High School

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McCALLUM PRECINCT

Sunrise School

The polls of said election shall be opened at 7:00 o'clock in the morning and shall be kept open until 6:00 o'clock in the evening of the aforesaid date, and the said election shall be held and conducted, as far as practicable, in accordance with the laws regulating general elections in the State of Mississippi and in said School District.

All qualified electors of said Petal Municipal Separate School District will be entitled to vote in the said election.

By order of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, this the 20th day of October, 1977.

/s/ Priscilla Daniel

Priscilla Daniel
City Clerk of the City of
Petal, Mississippi

The City Clerk shall also post a copy of the foregoing notice for at least twenty-one (21) days next preceding the date of said election at three (3) public places in said School District.

SECTION IV. That the said special election shall be held and conducted by Lesley Lee, Tillman McWilliams, and William E. (Bill) Bullock, Election Commissioners within and for said City of Petal, and shall be conducted as far as practicable, in accordance with the laws regularing general election in the State of Mississippi, and in the Petal Municipal Separate School District. When the said Election Commissioners shall have received the returns of said election and ascertained the result thereof, they shall, after having canvassed the same, forthwith make return thereof to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal by filing a report setting out their action in the holding of the election and the results thereof.

SECTION V. That the ballots be used at said special election shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

PETAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Tuesday, the 22nd day of November, 1977

PROPOSITION

Shall the Petal Municipal Separate School District of Petal, Forrest County, Mississippi, issue its bonds in the principal amount of Three Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,750,000.00), to raise money for the purpose of erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling, and enlarging school buildings and related facilities, including gymnasiums, auditoriums, lunch rooms, vocational training buildings, libraries, school barns, garages for transportation vehicles, and purchasing land therefor, establishing and equipping school athletic fields and necessary facilities connected therewith, and purchasing land therefor, and providing necessary water, light, heating, and sewerage facilities for school buildings and purchasing land therefor?

FOR THE BOND ISSUE

AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE

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(Place a cross (X) or check mark (v) in the square opposite your choice.)

On the reverse of each ballot there shall be printed substantially the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

PETAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Tuesday, the 22nd day of November, 1977

Ward _____

SECTION VI. That Lesley Lee, one of the said Election Commissioners, shall be and he is hereby designated and appointed to have the ballots prepared and printed for use in the holding of said election.

SECTION VII. That the bonds described in the foregoing proposition shall be issued only in the event that the issuance thereof be assented to by three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified electors of said District voting thereon at said election.

SECTION VIII. That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to prepare a true and correct copy of this resolution and to certify the same to the Election Commissioners within and for the City of Petal, Mississippi, as and for their warrant and authority for the holding of said election as herein provided and as required by the Laws of the State of Mississippi.

Alderman Russell seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

- Mayor Smith Voted "yes"
- Alderman Boutwell Voted "Yes"
- Alderman Draughn voted "Yes"
- Alderman Campbell voted "Yes"
- Alderman Russell voted "Yes"
- Alderman Runnels voted "Yes"

The motion having received the affirmative vote of all of the members of the Board of Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, this the 20th day of October, 1977.

/s/ Sidney O. Smith
Sidney O. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Priscilla Daniel
Priscilla Daniel, City Clerk

WHEREAS, Mr. Nobles presented the Board the plans of the School Board and cited the needs of the Petal Municipal Separate School District concerning the building requirements of the District.

THEREUPON, Mayor Smith stated that the resolution would be taken under

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advisement.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that the Board needs to consider the appointment of an Election Commission.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the following order to appoint Lesley Lee, Tillman McWilliams, and William E. Bullock as Election Commissioners. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, to appoint three (3) Election Commissioners who shall have the duties and responsibilities of holding elections within the City of Petal, Mississippi;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following three qualified electors of the City of Petal, Mississippi, are hereby appointed as Election Commissioners of the City of Petal, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:

- LESLEY LEE
- TILLMAN McWILLIAMS
- WILLIAM E. BULLOCK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lesley Lee shall be chairman of the aforesaid Election Commission, and he is hereby designated to have printed and distributed the official ballots of all elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tillman McWilliams shall be secretary of the aforesaid Election Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Election Commission shall have all of the rights, duties, and responsibilities as provided by law.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 11th day of October, A. D. , 1977.

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Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that due to the acquisition of the East Forrest Utility District, there is needed a Water and Sewer Ordinance for the City of Petal.

THEREUPON, the Board requested that Mr. Tyner draft an Ordinance for consideration at the next council meeting.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that there was a need for a depository for the Sales Tax Account for the Water and Sewer Department.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the following order. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

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O R D E R

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, find that First Mississippi National Bank of Hattiesburg, has been duly and legally qualified according to law as a depository for the funds of the City of Petal Water and Sewer Department, and the funds and accounts are as follows:

SALES TAX

The Board further finds that said money shall be withdrawn from said accounts or funds by warrants signed and executed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor and City Clerk issue the proper commission to said bank as Municipal Depository for the period October, 1977, through January 1, 1978.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Petal be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all steps and perform all acts convenient, necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes and requirements of this Order and to complete the qualification of the said First Mississippi National Bank of Hattiesburg, as Municipal Depositories of the City of Petal for the period October, 1977, through January 1, 1978, and further, that all acts and things done and performed by said Mayor and City Clerk in the premises be, and the same here hereby fully ratified, confirmed and approved.

SO ORDERED by unanimous vote of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 11th day of October, A. D., 1977.

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Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Robby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented the following order to the board concerning the appointment of Thelma Clepper as Deputy Tax Collector.

THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion to adopt the order. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, have found that due to the increased duties and responsibilities of the Tax Collector, it has become necessary that an individual be appointed to assist in the duties as Deputy Tax Collector;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Thelma Clepper be and she is hereby appointed as Deputy Tax Collector for the City of

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Petal, Mississippi, until the further orders of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 11th day of October, A. D., 1977.

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Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that Mrs. Rebecca Crose had been hired to assist in the tax department also.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to adopt the following order. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, have found that due to the increased duties and responsibilities of the Tax Collector, it has become necessary that an individual be appointed to assist in the duties as Deputy Tax Collector.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Rebecca Crose be and she is hereby appointed as Deputy Tax Collector for the City of Petal, Mississippi, at a salary of \$500.00 per month, until the further orders of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 11th day of October, A. D., 1977.

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Those present and voting "AYE"

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Robert E. Russell
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith requested the wishes of the Board concerning the Resolution requesting a bond election for the Petal Municipal Separate School District.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to accept this Resolution, and set the date of the election as the 22nd day of November, 1977. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman Robert E. Russell

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Those present and voting "NAY":

None

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting ~~_____~~

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman Robert E. Russell
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

There being no further business, the recessed meeting was adjourned on this the 11th day of October, A. D., 1977.

Sidney O. Smith

 Sidney O. Smith, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Priscilla C. Daniel

 Priscilla C. Daniel, City Clerk

BE IT REMEMBERED that there was begun and held a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, at 7:30 P. M., October 18, 1977, in the Board Room of the City Hall.

- Those present: Mayor Sidney O. Smith
- City Attorney: Thomas W. Tyner
- Aldermen:
 - W. E. Boutwell
 - W. H. Campbell
 - George B. Draughn
 - Bobby W. Runnels
 - Robert E. Russell
- Others present:
 - Larry Rumsey
 - Jerry Mitchell
 - H. R. Morgan
 - and others

Mayor Smith declared a quorum was present and declared the City Council in session.

The invocation was offered by Bobby W. Runnels.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 4, 1977, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":