

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THERE WAS BEGUN AND HELD THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI ON OCTOBER 15, 1991 AT 7:00 PM IN THE BOARD ROOM OF SAID CITY.

THOSE PRESENT	MAYOR JACK GAY, JR.
CITY ATTORNEY	THOMAS W TYNER
ALDERMEN	REUBEN CLEPPER JERRY CROWE DONALD H ROWELL BOBBY RUNNELS LEROY SCOTT
OTHERS PRESENT	JANE HINTON PAMELA PRIDGEN CHIEF WAYNE MURPHY CHIEF AUBRA EVANS LEE SHELBOURNE, SR. AND MANY OTHERS

THE MAYOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND DECLARED THE CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION.

THE INVOCATION WAS OFFERED BY BOBBY W RUNNELS.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

WHEREAS, ALDERMAN ROWELL MADE A MOTION THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL OF OCTOBER 1, 1991 BE ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY CALLED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

THEREUPON, LEE SHELBOURNE, SR THANKED THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE DRAINAGE PROJECT ON THE CORNER OF FORREST STREET AND NORTH MAIN STREET. MR SHELBOURNE STATED THAT THIS PROJECT WILL BENEFIT THE ENTIRE BLOCK.

WHEREAS, PAMELA PRIDGEN AND JANE HINTON PRESENTED LITERATURE TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE \$6,000,000. BOND ISSUE WHICH WILL BE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY IN HATTIESBURG AND A NEW LIBRARY IN PETAL AND THE FURNISHINGS FOR THESE LIBRARIES. MRS. PRIDGEN REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BOND ISSUE.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN RUNNELS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE \$6,000,000 BOND ISSUE. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

SEE EXHIBIT "A"

RESOLUTION

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. HAVING ARRIVED, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN PROCEEDED TO PUBLICLY OPEN AND READ THE SEALED BIDS FOR THE SELF PROPELLED HIGHWAY MARKING MACHINE (STRIPER WITH TRACTION). THE BIDS READ AS FOLLOWS:

SEE EXHIBIT "B"

CAPITOL CITY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY COMPANY      \$7,195.00  
P O BOX 3145  
JACKSON, MS 39207

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN RUNNELS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOREGOING BID FOR THE STRIPING MACHINE. ALDERMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, FIRE CHIEF AUBRA EVANS STATED THAT AFTER CHECKING REFERENCES ON NORMAN ENTERPRISES ROOFING CONTRACTOR, IT IS HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CITY ACCEPT THEIR LOW BID OF \$8,700 FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 1991 FOR THE REROOFING OF FIREHALL #2.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN ROWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$8,700 FROM NORMAN ENTERPRISES ROOFING CONTRACTOR FOR THE REROOFING OF FIREHALL 2. ALDERMAN CLEPPER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, CHIEF EVANS STATED THAT THE \$500.00 DONATION FROM THE MOOSE LODGE ON OCTOBER 1, 1991 WAS USED TO PURCHASE 60 SMOKE DETECTORS AND AT THIS POINT 40 HAVE BEEN INSTALLED FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED. CHIEF EVANS STATED THAT THIS PROJECT HAS RECEIVED GOOD RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, CHARLES GILLIS OF THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ADDRESSED THE BOARD GIVING STATISTICS ON THE LOANS FUNDED BY THE SBA AND OTHER AREAS OF ASSISTANCE HIS OFFICE GIVES THE 12 COUNTY AREA, INCLUDING FORREST COUNTY, THAT HIS GULFPORT OFFICE SERVES.

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY STATED THAT NEEL-SCHAFFER HAS REQUESTED A FINAL REHAB PAYMENT TO JACK COOLEY ON PROJECT # 0068000428 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8972.00.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CROWE MADE A MOTION THAT TO PAY THE FINAL PAYMENT TO JACK COOLEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,972.00 ON RENTAL REHAB PROJECT #0068000428. ALDERMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING PROOFS OF PUBLICATION:

- 1) ORDINANCE 1991 (76)
- 2) ORDINANCE 1975 (23-A)
- 3) ORDINANCE 1979 (44-F)
- 4) ORDINANCE 1975 (25-A)
- 5) ORDINANCE 1975 (22-A)
- 6) NOTICE TO BIDDERS - PAINT STRIPER

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN RUNNELS MADE A MOTION THAT THE PROOFS OF PUBLICATION BE ACCEPTED AND FILED. ALDERMAN CLEPPER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H. ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED A LETTER FROM THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTING THAT THE CITY APPROVE THE RELEASE OF MATHIEU ELECTRIC FROM THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT MAIN STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE.

THEREUPON, UPON, ALDERMAN CLEPPER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF MATHIEU ELECTRIC FROM THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL. ALDERMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED THE PRIVILEGE LICENSE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO THE BOARD.

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO THE BOARD.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY READ THE FOLLOWING PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19-27, 1991 AS "RED RIBBON WEEK" IN PETAL.

SEE EXHIBIT "C"

PROCLAMATION

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN RUNNELS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE PROCLAMATION. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED TWO UTILITY EASEMENTS TO THE BOARD.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CLEPPER MADE A MOTION TO PAY MRS. ANNIE MAE HILL \$10.00 AND JACK B. CLARK \$10.00 EACH FOR THE 10 FOOT UTILITY EASEMENTS THAT THEY GRANTED TO THE CITY. ALDERMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY STATED THAT THE CITY STREET DEPARTMENTS BACKHOE/TRACTOR HAS HAD TO HAVE ANOTHER MAJOR REPAIR AND THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A NEW BACKHOE.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CLEPPER MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A NEW BACKHOE UPON RECEIPT OF THE SPECIFICATIONS. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED THE PROPOSAL FROM THE FORREST COUNTY SUPERVISORS CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THE GARBAGE FOR THE CITY OF PETAL.

SEE EXHIBIT "D"

LETTER FROM LYNN CARTLIDGE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN ROWELL MADE A MOTION TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL FROM THE FORREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER ADVISING THE SUPERVISORS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD'S DECISION. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

SEE EXHIBIT "E"

LETTER TO LYNN CARTLIDGE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, ALDERMAN ROWELL MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BOARD SHOULD DECLARE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION. ALDERMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION IN OPEN MEETING TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS PERTAINING TO FIREMAN JOHN E. ANDERSON.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CLEPPER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. ALDERMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOOK UP FOR CONSIDERATION THE RECOMMENDATION FROM FIRE CHIEF AUBRA EVANS TO DEMOTE CAPTAIN JOHN E. ANDERSON TO FIREMAN 1ST CLASS BECAUSE OF CONDUCT UNBECOMING A CITY EMPLOYEE, AFTER HAVING HEARD AND CONSIDERED THE SAME, ALDERMAN RUNNELS OFFERED A MOTION TO DEMOTE CAPTAIN ANDERSON TO FIREMAN 1ST CLASS WITH LOSS OF PAY AND BENEFITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 17, 1991. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN RUNNELS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO WRITE A LETTER TO JOHN ANDERSON ADVISING HIM OF THE DEMOTION AND ADVISING HIM OF HIS RIGHT TO A HEARING ON NOVEMBER 5, 1991 AT 6:00 P.M. IF HE SO DESIRES. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDER HIRING TIMOTHY DEAN HILL AS A PATROLMAN 4TH CLASS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PENDING THE RESULTS OF HIS PHYSICAL AND DRUG SCREEN.

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI DO HEREBY DEEM IT NECESSARY TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT TIMOTHY DEAN HILL BE HIRED AS PATROLMAN 4TH CLASS EFFECTIVE UPON THE PASSAGE OF THE PHYSICAL AND DRUG SCREEN AT A RATE OF \$15,411.17 ANNUALLY. SO ORDERED ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 1991.

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CLEPPER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING ORDER. ALDERMAN ROWELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

THOSE PRESENT AND ABSTAINING:

ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE

WHEREAS, MAYOR GAY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING INVOICES FROM NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC.:

INVOICE #109561 SEWER IMP PROJECT \$2,400.00

INVOICE #109559 1990 RENTAL REHAB (FINAL) \$2,435.00

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CLEPPER MADE A MOTION TO PAY INVOICE # 109561 AND INVOICE #109559 TO NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC. ALDERMAN CROWE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

THEREUPON, ALDERMAN CLEPPER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ALDERMAN ROWELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

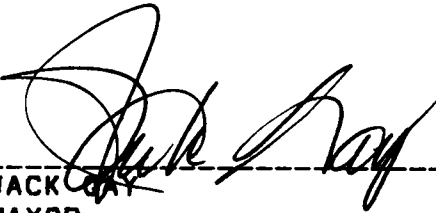
THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "AYE":

ALDERMAN REUBEN CLEPPER  
ALDERMAN JERRY CROWE  
ALDERMAN DONALD H ROWELL  
ALDERMAN BOBBY RUNNELS  
ALDERMAN LEROY SCOTT

THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING "NAY":

NONE

THEREBEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF THE CITY OF PETAL WAS ADJOURNED ON THIS THE 15TH  
DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 1991.

  
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JACK  
MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


  
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PRISCILLA C. DANIEL  
CITY CLERK



EXHIBIT "A"

EXHIBIT "B"

September 27, 1991

City of Petal

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request for bids on one paint striping machine to be opened October 15, 1991, we, CAPITOL CITY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY CO. of JACKSON, MS., do submit our bid for furnishing the following in accordance with your specifications with exceptions as stated below:

MAKE: Kelly-Creswell MODEL: HDCT\*

DELIVERY DATE: 4 weeks after receipt of order.

1 @\$ 7,195.00 /ea. TOTAL: \$7,195.00

EXCEPTIONS: None.

\*Attached literature does not show double gun installation, bead guns or bead hopper, belt guard, paddle agitator, or hand gun assembly.

Hoping the above meets with your approval and that we may have the pleasure of serving you, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Charles V. Welch, President

CVW/cw

EXHIBIT "C"

City of Petal  
Petal, Mississippi  
Proclamation



WHEREAS, Alcohol and other drug abuse has been identified as one of the greatest threats to the future of our nation, and the 15-24 year old age group is dying at a faster rate than any other age group; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth, DREAM, the State Department of Mental Health, and the City of Petal are sponsoring the NATIONAL RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, President George Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush are the National Honorary Chairmen, and Governor Ray Mabus and Mrs. Julie Mabus are the Mississippi Honorary Chairmen, and Mayor and Mrs. Jack Gay are the City of Petal Honorary Chairmen to provide this community focus on a Drug-Free America and a Drug-Free Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, physicians, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this weeklong campaign; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Petal does hereby support

October 19-27, 1991, as RED RIBBON WEEK, and encourages its citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

ATTEST:   
Patricia C. Daniels

DATE: October 15, 1991

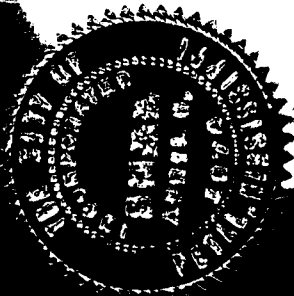


EXHIBIT "D"

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DAVID ALLEN  
BEAT 1  
MIKE KEENE  
BEAT 2  
LYNN CARTLIDGE  
BEAT 3, PRESIDENT  
JAMES BOYKINS  
BEAT 4  
HARRY HICKMAN  
BEAT 5  
STONE BAREFIELD  
ATTORNEY



October 7, 1991

Honorable Jack Gay, Mayor  
Honorable Board of Aldermen  
City of Petal  
P. O. Box 564  
Petal, MS 39465

Dear Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

After reviewing your request concerning a change in policy relating to the disposal of household garbage generated within the City of Petal, the Board has reviewed the matter and has authorized me to convey to you their acceptance of your proposal presented to this Board at its September 19th meeting. It is our understanding that you propose the following:

Forrest County will take over the collection and disposal of household garbage generated within the City of Petal in return for the City of Petal transferring title to Forrest County, Mississippi its garbage collection equipment and paying into the county treasury a sum equal to \$10,000.00 per month from fees collected from household residents of the City of Petal, such fees being a charge by the City of Petal for household garbage services.

We would, therefore, undertake your proposal for the sum of \$120,000 annually, based on the current number of households, as opposed to \$180,000 under the proposed new fee schedule.

By our acceptance of your proposal, the Forrest County Board of Supervisors feels that the people of Petal will have a \$60,000 savings during the current fiscal year, which commenced October 1.

Any details that may need to be worked out need to be completed not later than October 15, in order that we might prepare for commencing services on November 1.

I met with Mayor Ed Morgan Friday and discussed with him our meeting with you and the members of the Board of Aldermen of Petal and the proposals made, and our review of your request. Mayor Morgan indicated that with regard to the question of the county burying all garbage, including that within the City of Hattiesburg, that he agreed in principle with such an undertaking, and it was understood that the details of converting to that system will be worked on and ironed out prior to the end of the current fiscal year, to-wit: September 30, 1992.

The Board of Supervisors sincerely believes that working together in this matter, the best interest of all the people of Forrest County will be served, and we look forward to working together in the future.

Yours very truly,

  
Lynn Carlidge  
President

LC/as

EXHIBIT "D"



CITY OF PETAL

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PETAL, MISSISSIPPI 39465  
(601) 545-1778  
F&x No. (601) 544-5347

JACK GAY, JR.  
MAYOR  
REUBEN CLEPPER  
JERRY CROWE  
DONALD H. ROWELL  
BOBBY RUNNELS  
LEROY SCOTT  
ALDERMEN  
PRISCILLA C. DANIEL  
CITY CLERK

OCTOBER 14, 1991

THOMAS W. TYNER  
CITY ATTORNEY

HONORABLE LYNN CARTLIDGE, PRESIDENT  
FORREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
P.O. BOX 1310  
HATTIESBURG, MS 39403

DEAR MR. CARTLIDGE AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

THIS LETTER IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CORRESPONDENCE OF OCTOBER 7, 1991, CONCERNING RECENT DISCUSSIONS HAD BETWEEN YOURSELF AND THE FORREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PETAL.

AFTER REVIEWING YOUR LETTER, IT IS APPARENT THAT WE HAVE FAILED TO APPROPRIATELY COMMUNICATE TO YOU THE CITY'S POSITION ON THE DISPOSAL FEE, AND OUR SUGGESTION THAT THE COUNTY ASSUME THE GARBAGE COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE CITY OF PETAL.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE PROPOSAL WHICH YOU ATTRIBUTE TO US AS CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 7, 1991, IS FAR FROM BEING ACCURATE.

TO DATE, THE ONLY OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN WAS A VOTE NOT TO PAY THE MONTHLY ASSESSMENT OF FORREST COUNTY, FOR THE BURIAL AND DISPOSAL OF THE GARBAGE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF PETAL. WE EXPLAINED TO YOU AT OUR MEETING, THAT WE FELT IT WAS NOT FAIR TO THE CITIZENS OF PETAL TO PAY THE COUNTY FOR BURYING GARBAGE WHEN THE COUNTY WAS COLLECTING AND BURYING GARBAGE FOR CITIZENS OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF PETAL, AT NO CHARGE. THIS DECISION WAS BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT NO SPECIAL TAX OR ASSESSMENT IS LEVIED BY THE COUNTY FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITY, AND THAT NO SPECIAL CHARGE OR LEVY IS IMPOSED UPON COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE GARBAGE.

CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF THE GARBAGE, WITHIN THE CITY OF PETAL, WE DID SUGGEST THAT IF THE COUNTY WISHED TO TREAT THOSE FORREST COUNTY CITIZENS LIVING WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF PETAL, THE SAME AS IT WAS TREATING THOSE FORREST COUNTY CITIZENS LIVING OUTSIDE THE CITY OF PETAL, IT WOULD NOT ONLY DISPOSE OF THE GARBAGE FOR NO CHARGE, BUT WOULD ALSO COLLECT THE SAME. IT HARDLY SEEMS FAIR THAT ONE SEGMENT OF YOUR CONSTITUENCY RECEIVES A FREE SERVICE, WITHOUT YOUR OFFERING TO PROVIDE THAT SAME FREE SERVICE TO ALL OF YOUR CONSTITUENCY.

THE CITY OF PETAL DID NOT OFFER NOR PROPOSE TO PAY INTO THE COUNTY A SUM OF \$10,000 PER MONTH FOR COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE. SUCH A PROPOSAL IS AS BASICALLY UNFAIR AS THE REQUIREMENT THAT PETAL CITIZENS PAY A DISPOSAL FEE WHILE COUNTY CITIZENS ENJOY THAT SERVICE FREE OF CHARGE.

WE SUGGESTED AT OUR RECENT MEETING THAT THE COUNTY TAKE OVER THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE WITHIN THE PETAL CITY LIMITS, PROVIDING THAT SERVICE TO PETAL RESIDENTS AT THE SAME CHARGE AS WAS PRESENTLY BEING IMPOSED FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS, I.E., NO FEE AND NO SPECIAL TAX LEVY. IN OTHER WORDS, SINCE THE COUNTY IS COLLECTING HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS FREE, WE FELT IT APPROPRIATE THAT THE COUNTY COLLECT THE GARBAGE WITHIN THE CITY AT NO COST OR FEE. THE TREATMENT AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF PETAL SHOULD NOT DIFFER IN KIND OR CHARACTER FROM THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITY.

TO REITERATE, THE CITY OF PETAL WILL NO LONGER PAY TO FORREST COUNTY, A MONTHLY FEE FOR DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE. THE CITY OF PETAL WILL PERMIT THE COUNTY TO COLLECT HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PETAL, WITHOUT THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX LEVY CHARGE, OR OTHER FEE IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE COUNTY IS NOW COLLECTING HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OUTSIDE THE CITY.

BY ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL, THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY WOULD SAVE OVER \$200,000 DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AS OPPOSED TO THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR. BY ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL, YOU WILL HAVE RECOGNIZED YOUR DUTY AND OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PETAL, THE SAME BENEFITS AND SERVICES AS YOU PROVIDE COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE CITY.

AS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO YOU IN CORRESPONDENCE AND MEETINGS, WE ONLY WANT THE COUNTY TO TREAT THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PETAL, WHO ARE ALSO FORREST COUNTY RESIDENTS, THE SAME AS IT TREATS COUNTY RESIDENTS LIVING OUTSIDE MUNICIPALITIES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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