

City of Columbus

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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS April 15, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. TOPICS

- J. Daughtry** A. ***Ratify permit request submitted by Irena McClain, on behalf of the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, to host the "Mississippi's Walk for Diabetes - Columbus/Golden Triangle" held on April 12, 2026, from 10:30 am until 4:30 pm at the Riverwalk. See Attached Map.
- J. Turnage** B. ***Discuss/Approve Form of Employment Agreement for Latent Print Analyst and authorize Mayor to execute same.
- K. Stafford** C. ***Discuss City Paving bid update and accept lowest bid for the 2026 Bituminous Hot Mix Overlay and Street Improvements.
- K. Stafford** D. ***Discuss/Approve *Resolution* and grant submission for the 5th Street North Revitalization Scope SS4A (Safe Streets for All) to improve 5th Street from 4th Avenue South (The Columbus Light and Water Headquarters) to 5th Avenue North (Magnolia Bowl- where TAP Project ends.)
- J. Daughtry** E. ***Discuss permit request submitted by Alan Aldridge to host "Porch Fest" to be held April 17-19, 2026 from at 2pm until 10pm each day blocking 3rd Street North (from 2nd Avenue North to 3rd Avenue North) and remaining blocked until the end of the event.
- J. Daughtry** F. Discuss permit request submitted by Marcel Pilate, on behalf of the American Legion Post #69, to host a "Veterans' Day Parade" to be held on November 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with the lineup beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Complex and parade starting at 1501 Main Street to 5th Street North to Second Avenue North to Lowndes County Courthouse.
- J. Daughtry** G. Discuss travel request for three (3) CPD personnel to attend the "2026 Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Educational Conference" to be held June 16-19, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,193.63 each.
- C. Yarbrough** H. Discuss travel request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend the "89th Mississippi Firefighters and Fire Chiefs Conference" to be held May 27-31, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,240.00
- G. Irby** I. Discuss update on Blight Program
- G. Irby** J. Discuss travel request for Planning and Community Development Secretary/Bookkeeper to attend the "Mississippi Home Corporation Annual Housing Conference" to be held April 29 - May 1, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$495.00
- J. Brigham** K. Discuss travel request for Grant Writer to attend the "Mississippi Home Corporation Annual Housing Conference" to be held April 29 - May 1, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and approve payment for registration, travel and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$867.65
- G. Lewis** L. Discuss selecting a Consultant for Delineation Study for the Kayak Launch Project.

- N. Katona** M. Discuss previous case of John Hancock RV Trailer
- N. Katona** N. Discuss Propst Park Activity Center Electrical Bids
- W. Langford** O. Discuss Bulldozer Repair Estimate that increased from the previous estimate of \$58,552.34 to current estimate of \$79,458.75
- P. Mitchell** P. Discuss Leave Accrual Policy and Amend the Employee Personnel Rules Handbook.
- J. Garrett** Q. Discuss full page ad in the Mississippi Business Journal in the amount of \$1,750.
- S. Jones** R. Discuss 30 notice to terminate Public Information Officer contract and authorize HR director to begin the normal recruitment process for permanent position.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. ADJOURN

CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERMIT

City Ordinance 28 - Streets and Sidewalks, Article V. Assemblies, Parades and Processions; Sec. 28-72. Permit Required: *It shall be unlawful for any person to organize or hold or participate in any parade, meeting, assembly or procession of persons and/or vehicles on the streets or sidewalks within the city unless such activity shall have first been authorized by a written permit.*

Please type or print information and return permit to CPD as soon as possible to allow ample time for review & approval. All permits must be approved at City Council Meetings which are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month. Thank you.

TODAY'S DATE: 09/05/2025

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 715 Pear Orchard Road
Ridgeland, MS 39157

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Irena McClain TITLE: Executive Director

ADDRESS: c/o DFM, 715 South Pear Orchard RD PHONE: 601 957-7878

Ridgeland, MS 39157 PHONE: cell 601 953-6117

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Mississippi's Walk for Diabetes -Columbus/Golden Triangle

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 10/26/2025 PARADE MEETING ASSEMBLY Fundraising Walk

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 10:30 am AM PM ENDING: 4:30 pm AM PM

PURPOSE: To raise donations to support the programs and services of the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and to have a public display of support for kids and adults living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes in our state.

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: We will start the walk on the opper level near the pavilion/restroom area. Participants will walk down the stairs and continue down Riverwalk 1/2 mile and return to start line for one mile family fun walk. Those wanting to do the entire 5K will walk 1.5 miles down, turn around and come back. MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:
Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 150-200 AGE OF ANY MINORS: all ages-parents required

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: all ages-parents required

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
NAME & TITLE

DATE: 9/9/25

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TODAY'S DATE: 2/9/2026

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 715 South Pear Orchard Road, Suite 210
Ridgeland, MS 39157

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Irena McClain TITLE: Executive Director

ADDRESS: c/o DFM, 715 South Pear Orchard RD, Suite 210 PHONE: 601 957-7878

Ridgeland, MS 39157 PHONE: cell 601 953-6117

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Mississippi's Walk for Diabetes -Columbus/Golden Triangle-rescheduled from October 2025 due to inclement weather

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 4/12/2026 PARADE MEETING ASSEMBLY fundraising walk XX

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 10:30 AM PM ENDING: 4:30 AM PM

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MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 100-150 AGE OF ANY MINORS: all ages-parents required

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: all ages-parents required

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] (AC)
NAME & TITLE

DATE: 4/9/26

AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of the City of Columbus, Mississippi's agreement to hire, employ and pay the salary, costs of mandatory education and training for

(hereinafter referred to as "Employee"), and as a condition of Employee's employment, Employee hereby covenants, agrees, contracts and promises to fulfill the following terms, obligations and conditions, as follows:

1. Employee shall, at City's expense, meet all educational, ethical and visual acuity standards in order to be accepted into the academy course described immediately below. Thereafter, at the City's sole cost, Employee shall attend and successfully complete the following training courses:

(a). Latent Print Examiner Training Academy (the "Academy"), offered by Ron Smith & Associates, Inc. beginning January 11, 2027 and ending on May 28, 2027 at a tuition cost to the City of \$19,500.00, as well as the cost to the City for Employee's daily lodging, meals, travel, mileage to attend said Academy course; and

(b). Any other mandatory training courses, approved and/or required to become a certified Latent Print Analyst capable of analyzing fingerprints, palmprints, footprint and/or other prints the forensic analysis of which may be needed by the City to aid law enforcement in solving crimes, with such analysis employing a scientific methodology meeting the test of admissibility in state and federal courts in the State of Mississippi and to qualify the Employee to give expert opinion testimony about the results of such analysis in such courts.

2. Employee hereby agrees to work as a full-time employee of the City of Columbus in its Forensic Lab as a latent print analyst from the date of execution of this Agreement and then for a

period of not less than five (5) years beginning upon graduation from the Academy on or about May 28, 2027 and ending on May 28, 2032.

3. If, for any reason, Employee voluntarily fails to complete the approved Training, Employee agrees to repay on demand the costs of all tuition, books, travel, lodging and per diem paid on behalf of Employee to attend the required training, along with interest accruing on the total of such cost at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date Recipient failed, withdrew or was removed from the training.

4. Should one or more of the events specified in Paragraph 5 hereinbelow occur after Employee successfully completes the required training, but prior to the expiration of the time period set forth in Section 2 above, Employee agrees to repay to the City of Columbus upon demand any unreimbursed portion of the amount of the total costs of tuition, books, travel, lodging, and per diem, as follows;

(a). During the first two (2) years following the successful completion of the Academy specified in Paragraph 1(a) above, one hundred percent (100%) of such costs.

(b). During the third (3rd) year following the successful completion of the Academy specified in Paragraph 1(a) above, seventy five percent (75%) of such costs.

(c). During the fourth (4th) year following the successful completion of the Academy specified in Paragraph 1(a) above, fifty percent (50%) of such costs.

(d). During the fifth (5th) year following the successful completion of the Academy specified in Paragraph 1(a) above, twenty five percent (25%) of such costs.

The total sum due to the City shall accrue interest at ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of occurrence of any event as set forth below in Paragraph 5, as follows:

5. The following events shall trigger a repayment obligation of Employee to the City as specified in Paragraph 4:

(a). Employee works for the City of Columbus Forensic Lab but voluntarily resigns or terminates his/her employment with the City of Columbus before Employee completes the agreed upon work period set forth in Section 2, above; or

(b). Employee works for the Columbus Forensic Lab as a full-time as a latent print analyst and resigns, voluntarily terminates his/her employment, or Employee is terminated by the City of Columbus, and Employee becomes employed, without approval from the City of Columbus, by any other governmental entity in the same capacity as Employee's employment with the City of Columbus within the period of time set forth in Section 2., above; or

(c). The professional license or certification of the Employee becomes suspended or revoked because of the Employee's actions, at any time, before Employee completes the agreed upon work period stated in Section 2, above; or

(d). Employee, upon completion of any and all mandatory training courses required or needed in order to meet the qualifications to analyze prints and qualify to testify as an expert in court and to give expert opinions on the subject, fails to report to work for the City of Columbus; or

(e). Employee fails to comply with one or more of the terms of this Agreement.

6. Employee irrevocably consents to allow any training course institution and any mandatory course attended by Employee to disclose any and all records relating to Employee, including, but not limited to grades, attendance, disciplinary actions, or other information to the City of Columbus so requests.

7. The City of Columbus and Employee hereby understand, agree and acknowledge that this Agreement relates solely to the reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred by the City of Columbus for the educational and training benefit of Employee, and that this Agreement, and nothing contained herein, shall be construed, and does not in any way, create an employment contract between the parties for any term certain or in any way modify or alter the Employee's status as an employee at will. The City of Columbus and Employee hereby agree, understand and acknowledge that despite the execution of this Agreement, the City of Columbus may terminate Employee at any time for any reason, as long as the termination is not protected from, or prevented by, a Mississippi or Federal law. The City of Columbus and the Employee hereby also agree, understand and acknowledge that Employee may voluntarily terminate Employee's employment with the City of Columbus at any time for any reason, subject to the terms, conditions and penalties set forth herein.

8. This Agreement shall be solely and exclusively governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provisions. The exclusive and sole venue for all disputes between the parties shall be the Chancery or Circuit Court for Lowndes County, Mississippi.

9. In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby.

10. This Agreement may not be changed, modified, varied or altered except by a mutual agreement of the parties, in writing, executed by each of the parties hereto.

11. The City of Columbus shall not be bound by any additions, alterations, addendum, amendments, or other changes of this Agreement unless said addition, alteration, addendum,

amendment, or other change is written and duly spread across the minutes of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus.

SO AGREED on this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS

BY: STEPHEN T. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

EMPLOYEE

(signature) _____

Printed Name

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

Personally came and appeared before me the undersigned authority of law, in and for the said state and county, on this the _____ day of _____, 202____ within my jurisdiction, the within named _____, who acknowledged before me that he/she read, executed and delivered the above and foregoing Agreement as his/her free and voluntary act.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____



April 6, 2026

City of Columbus
ATTN: Mayor Stephen Jones and City Council
P.O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703

**RE: 2026 BITUMINOUS HOT MIX OVERLAY & STREET IMPROVEMENTS
CERTIFIED BID TABULATION**

Dear Mayor Jones and Council Members:

Three bids for the above-referenced project were received at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2026. Please find the attached certified bid tabulation which details all bids received. Upon review of the bids, it is recommended to accept the Base Bid + Add. Alt. #1, Add. Alt. #2, and Add. Alt. #3

Our evaluation of all bids finds the lowest responsive bidder to be Falcon Contracting Company, Inc., with a Base Bid amount of \$3,602,296.00, Additive Alternate No. 1 (\$153,894.00), Additive Alternate No. 2 (\$63,990.00), and Additive Alternate No. 3 (\$96,147.50). The total amount of the lowest bidder's base bid plus the additive alternates is \$3,916,327.50

We have reviewed the proposal from the lowest responsive bidder, Falcon Contracting Company, Inc., and all appropriate licensure requirements are met by the above contractor, and the bid proposal is in order with the bid requirements.

The aforementioned is presented for the City's consideration for award of contract.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this bid, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cody Peak'.

Cody Peak, P.E.
Project Engineer

Attachment

engineers | planners | surveyors | environmental scientists | landscape architects



CERTIFIED BID TABULATION

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
2026 BITUMINOUS HOT MIX OVERLAY & STREET IMPROVEMENTS
Thursday, April 2, 2026
2:00 P.M.**

BASE BID

| Pay Item No. | Description | Bid Qty | Unit | Falcon Contracting Co., Inc. | | APAC-Mississippi | | Joe McGee Construction Company, Inc. | |
|--------------|--|---------|------|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| | | | | Bid Bond: Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland | | Bid Bond: Federal Insurance Company | | Bid Bond: The Hanover Insurance Company | |
| | | | | Unit Price | Bid Amount | Unit Price | Bid Amount | Unit Price | Bid Amount |
| 1 | Mobilization | 1 | L.S. | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ 240,000.00 | \$ 240,000.00 |
| 2 | Maintenance of Traffic | 1 | L.S. | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 300,000.00 | \$ 300,000.00 | \$ 180,000.00 | \$ 180,000.00 |
| 3 | Roadway Speed Bumps | 6 | EACH | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 3,590.75 | \$ 21,544.50 | \$ 4,100.00 | \$ 24,600.00 |
| 4 | No. 57 Crushed Limestone, PM, AH | 255 | TON | \$ 100.00 | \$ 25,500.00 | \$ 185.00 | \$ 47,175.00 | \$ 206.00 | \$ 52,530.00 |
| 5 | Adjustment to Existing Manhole (0"-3" Below Existing Asphalt Pavement with Contractor Provided Materials) | 25 | EACH | \$ 400.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 22,500.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 |
| 6 | Replacement of Existing Manhole Cover with New Frame and Lid Provided by CLWD (3"-6" Below Existing Asphalt Pavement) | 40 | EACH | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ 72,000.00 | \$ 1,450.00 | \$ 58,000.00 | \$ 1,590.00 | \$ 63,600.00 |
| 7 | Replacement of Existing Manhole Cover with New Frame and Lid Provided by CLWD (6" or more Below Existing Asphalt Pavement) | 15 | EACH | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 1,850.00 | \$ 27,750.00 | \$ 2,060.00 | \$ 30,900.00 |
| 8 | Adjustment to Water Valve Box | 30 | EACH | \$ 125.00 | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 365.00 | \$ 10,950.00 | \$ 59.00 | \$ 1,770.00 |
| 9 | ADA Ramp Installation (All Types) | 14 | EACH | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 91,000.00 | \$ 7,030.00 | \$ 98,420.00 |
| 10 | Sidewalk Removal and Replacement | 330 | S.F. | \$ 50.00 | \$ 16,500.00 | \$ 52.75 | \$ 17,407.50 | \$ 59.00 | \$ 19,470.00 |
| 11 | Curb and Gutter Removal and Replacement | 110 | L.F. | \$ 140.00 | \$ 15,400.00 | \$ 68.75 | \$ 7,562.50 | \$ 76.50 | \$ 8,415.00 |
| 12 | Concrete Wheel Stop | 13 | EACH | \$ 200.00 | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 3,250.00 | \$ 294.50 | \$ 3,828.50 |
| 13 | Drainage Structure Repair | 1 | EACH | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 3,165.00 | \$ 3,165.00 | \$ 3,530.00 | \$ 3,530.00 |
| 14 | Paint Striping, Detail White or Yellow | 12,855 | L.F. | \$ 1.00 | \$ 12,855.00 | \$ 1.50 | \$ 19,282.50 | \$ 1.76 | \$ 22,624.80 |
| 15 | Paint Striping, Detail Blue | 1,467 | L.F. | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1,467.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 4,401.00 | \$ 3.53 | \$ 5,178.51 |
| 16 | Legend White Paint Striping | 1,982 | S.F. | \$ 3.00 | \$ 5,946.00 | \$ 4.00 | \$ 7,928.00 | \$ 4.71 | \$ 9,335.22 |
| 17 | Paint Striping, Continuous Yellow | 1,160 | L.F. | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1,160.00 | \$ 1.50 | \$ 1,740.00 | \$ 1.76 | \$ 2,041.60 |
| 18 | Paint Striping, Parking Stall Numbering, Farmers Market Parking Lot | 1 | L.S. | \$ 6,235.00 | \$ 6,235.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 10,660.00 | \$ 10,660.00 |
| 19 | Concrete Pavement, 4500 PSI, Fiber Reinforced | 105 | S.Y. | \$ 135.00 | \$ 14,175.00 | \$ 145.00 | \$ 15,225.00 | \$ 159.00 | \$ 16,695.00 |
| 20 | 7th Street North @ 2nd Avenue North Parking Lot Improvements | 1 | L.S. | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 97,000.00 | \$ 97,000.00 |
| 21 | Solid Sodding | 22 | S.Y. | \$ 50.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 26.50 | \$ 583.00 | \$ 29.50 | \$ 649.00 |
| 22 | 3/4" and Down Crushed Stone, PM, AH | 50 | C.Y. | \$ 300.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 185.00 | \$ 9,250.00 | \$ 206.00 | \$ 10,300.00 |
| 202-B073 | Removal of Concrete Pavement, All Depths | 172 | S.Y. | \$ 30.00 | \$ 5,160.00 | \$ 42.50 | \$ 7,310.00 | \$ 47.25 | \$ 8,127.00 |
| 203-G001 | Excess Excavation, PM, AH | 65 | C.Y. | \$ 20.00 | \$ 1,300.00 | \$ 47.50 | \$ 3,087.50 | \$ 53.00 | \$ 3,445.00 |
| 203-EX021 | Borrow Excavation, AH, PM, Class B9-6 | 100 | C.Y. | \$ 25.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 105.50 | \$ 10,550.00 | \$ 118.00 | \$ 11,800.00 |
| 209-A005 | Geotextile Fabric, Woven, Type VI | 400 | S.Y. | \$ 5.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 5.50 | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 303-H003 | Size No. 610 or 825B Crushed Stone Base, PM, AH | 75 | C.Y. | \$ 200.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 90.00 | \$ 6,750.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 11,250.00 |
| 304-A001 | Granular Material, Class 3, Group C, LVM, Shoulder Clay Gravel | 100 | C.Y. | \$ 40.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 65.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 138.00 | \$ 13,800.00 |
| 403-A001 | Hot Bituminous Pavement Surface Course (SC-1)(Includes Tack Coat) | 13,500 | TON | \$ 154.00 | \$ 2,079,000.00 | \$ 175.00 | \$ 2,362,500.00 | \$ 191.00 | \$ 2,578,500.00 |
| 403-A002 | Hot Bituminous Pavement Base Course (BC-1)(Includes Tack Coat) | 1,050 | TON | \$ 201.00 | \$ 211,050.00 | \$ 265.00 | \$ 278,250.00 | \$ 275.50 | \$ 289,275.00 |
| 403-B001 | Hot Bituminous Pavement Leveling Course (SC-1)(Includes Tack Coat) | 125 | TON | \$ 154.00 | \$ 19,250.00 | \$ 265.00 | \$ 33,125.00 | \$ 288.00 | \$ 36,000.00 |
| 406-A001 | Cold Milling of Bituminous Pavements, All Depths | 126,000 | S.Y. | \$ 3.00 | \$ 378,000.00 | \$ 6.50 | \$ 819,000.00 | \$ 6.05 | \$ 762,300.00 |
| 626-C003 | 6" Thermoplastic Edge Stripe, Continuous White | 15,334 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 30,668.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 30,668.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 36,034.90 |
| 626-D004 | 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Skip White or Yellow | 1,010 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2,020.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2,020.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 2,373.50 |
| 626-E004 | 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Continuous Yellow | 30,696 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 61,392.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 61,392.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 72,135.60 |
| 626-G002 | 6" Thermoplastic Detail Stripe, White or Yellow | 7,532 | L.F. | \$ 3.50 | \$ 26,362.00 | \$ 3.50 | \$ 26,362.00 | \$ 4.12 | \$ 31,031.84 |
| 626-H004 | Thermoplastic Legend, White | 6,004 | S.F. | \$ 12.00 | \$ 72,048.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 72,048.00 | \$ 14.12 | \$ 84,776.48 |
| 627-K001 | Red Clear Reflective High Performance Raised Marker | 25 | EACH | \$ 10.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 11.75 | \$ 293.75 |
| 627-L001 | Two Way Yellow Reflective High Performance Raised Marker | 376 | EACH | \$ 10.00 | \$ 3,760.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 3,760.00 | \$ 11.75 | \$ 4,418.00 |
| 630-A001 | Standard Roadside Signs, Sheet Aluminum, .08" Thickness | 652 | S.F. | \$ 18.00 | \$ 11,736.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 19,560.00 | \$ 21.20 | \$ 13,822.40 |
| 630-C002 | Steel U-Section Posts, 2.0 LB/FT | 960 | L.F. | \$ 14.70 | \$ 14,112.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 24,000.00 | \$ 17.30 | \$ 16,608.00 |
| 907-640-A001 | Vehicle Loop Assemblies | 1 | EACH | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 2,940.00 | \$ 2,940.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL BASE BID | \$ 3,602,296.00 | | \$ 4,808,046.50 | | \$ 4,911,479.10 |

BID SCHEDULE-ADD. ALT. #1 (MILITARY ROAD (LOWES-RIDGE ROAD))

| Pay Item No. | Description | Bid Qty | Unit | Falcon Contracting Co., Inc | | APAC-Mississippi | | Joe McGee Construction Company, Inc. | |
|--------------|---|---------|------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Unit Price | Bid Amount | Unit Price | Bid Amount | Unit Price | Bid Amount |
| 2 | Maintenance of Traffic | 1 | L.S. | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,350.00 | \$ 15,350.00 |
| 403-A001 | Hot Bituminous Pavement Surface Course (SC-1)(Includes Tack Coat) | 585 | TON | \$ 165.00 | \$ 96,525.00 | \$ 195.00 | \$ 114,075.00 | \$ 172.50 | \$ 100,912.50 |
| 406-A001 | Cold Milling of Bituminous Pavements, All Depths | 7,050 | S.Y. | \$ 3.50 | \$ 24,675.00 | \$ 6.50 | \$ 45,825.00 | \$ 6.45 | \$ 45,472.50 |
| 626-C003 | 6" Thermoplastic Edge Stripe, Continuous White | 3,522 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 7,044.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 7,044.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 8,276.70 |
| 626-D004 | 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Skip White or Yellow | 182 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 364.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 364.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 427.70 |
| 626-E004 | 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Continuous Yellow | 3,785 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 7,570.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 7,570.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 8,894.75 |
| 626-G002 | 6" Thermoplastic Detail Stripe, White or Yellow | 1,096 | L.F. | \$ 3.50 | \$ 3,836.00 | \$ 3.50 | \$ 3,836.00 | \$ 4.15 | \$ 4,548.40 |
| 626-H004 | Thermoplastic Legend, White | 235 | S.F. | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2,820.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2,820.00 | \$ 14.25 | \$ 3,348.75 |
| 627-K001 | Red Clear Reflective High Performance Raised Marker | 12 | EACH | \$ 10.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$ 11.25 | \$ 135.00 |
| 627-L001 | Two Way Yellow Reflective High Performance Raised Marker | 94 | EACH | \$ 10.00 | \$ 940.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 940.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 1,128.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL BID | \$ 153,894.00 | \$ 197,594.00 | \$ 197,594.00 | \$ 188,494.30 | \$ 188,494.30 |

BID SCHEDULE-ADD. ALT. #2 (PARKING LOT AT NE CORNER OF 4TH STREET NORTH AND 2ND AVENUE NORTH)

| Pay Item No. | Description | Bid Qty | Unit | Falcon Contracting Co., Inc | | APAC-Mississippi | | Joe McGee Construction Company, Inc. | |
|--------------|---|---------|------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Unit Price | Bid Amount | Unit Price | Bid Amount | Unit Price | Bid Amount |
| 2 | Maintenance of Traffic | 1 | L.S. | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 |
| 12 | Concrete Wheel Stop | 11 | EACH | \$ 200.00 | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 2,750.00 | \$ 294.50 | \$ 3,239.50 |
| 14 | Paint Striping, Detail White or Yellow | 180 | L.F. | \$ 1.00 | \$ 180.00 | \$ 1.50 | \$ 270.00 | \$ 1.80 | \$ 324.00 |
| 203-G001 | Excess Excavation, PM, AH | 116 | C.Y. | \$ 100.00 | \$ 11,600.00 | \$ 47.50 | \$ 5,510.00 | \$ 53.00 | \$ 6,148.00 |
| 209-A005 | Geotextile Fabric, Woven, Type VI | 1 | S.Y. | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5.50 | \$ 5.50 | \$ 618.00 | \$ 618.00 |
| 303-H003 | Size No. 610 or 825B Crushed Stone Base, PM, AH | 70 | C.Y. | \$ 200.00 | \$ 14,000.00 | \$ 90.00 | \$ 6,300.00 | \$ 45.75 | \$ 3,202.50 |
| 403-A001 | Hot Bituminous Pavement Surface Course (SC-1)(Includes Tack Coat) | 35 | TON | \$ 200.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 195.00 | \$ 6,825.00 | \$ 341.00 | \$ 11,935.00 |
| 403-A002 | Hot Bituminous Pavement Base Course (BC-1)(Includes Tack Coat) | 105 | TON | \$ 200.00 | \$ 21,000.00 | \$ 275.00 | \$ 28,875.00 | \$ 135.50 | \$ 14,227.50 |
| 21 | Solid Sodding | 40 | S.Y. | \$ 50.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 26.50 | \$ 1,060.00 | \$ 29.50 | \$ 1,180.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL BID | \$ 63,990.00 | \$ 58,095.50 | \$ 58,095.50 | \$ 49,874.50 | \$ 49,874.50 |

BID SCHEDULE-ADD. ALT. #3 (18TH AVENUE NORTH (6TH STREET NORTH - 7TH STREET NORTH))

| Pay Item No. | Description | Bid Qty | Unit | Falcon Contracting Co., Inc | | APAC-Mississippi | | Joe McGee Construction Company, Inc. | |
|--------------|---|---------|------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Unit Price | Bid Amount | Unit Price | Bid Amount | Unit Price | Bid Amount |
| 2 | Maintenance of Traffic | 1 | L.S. | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 12,500.00 |
| 403-A001 | Hot Bituminous Pavement Surface Course (SC-1)(Includes Tack Coat) | 360 | TON | \$ 165.00 | \$ 59,400.00 | \$ 195.00 | \$ 70,200.00 | \$ 192.50 | \$ 69,300.00 |
| 406-A001 | Cold Milling of Bituminous Pavements, All Depths | 4,305 | S.Y. | \$ 3.50 | \$ 15,067.50 | \$ 6.50 | \$ 27,982.50 | \$ 5.80 | \$ 24,969.00 |
| 626-C003 | 6" Thermoplastic Edge Stripe, Continuous White | 1,330 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2,660.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2,660.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 3,125.50 |
| 626-D004 | 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Skip White or Yellow | 1,075 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2,150.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2,150.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 2,526.25 |
| 626-E004 | 6" Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Continuous Yellow | 1,100 | L.F. | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2.35 | \$ 2,585.00 |
| 626-G002 | 6" Thermoplastic Detail Stripe, White or Yellow | 692 | L.F. | \$ 3.50 | \$ 2,422.00 | \$ 3.50 | \$ 2,422.00 | \$ 4.15 | \$ 2,871.80 |
| 626-H004 | Thermoplastic Legend, White | 239 | S.F. | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2,868.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 2,868.00 | \$ 14.25 | \$ 3,405.75 |
| 627-K001 | Red Clear Reflective High Performance Raised Marker | 10 | EACH | \$ 10.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 11.25 | \$ 112.50 |
| 627-L001 | Two Way Yellow Reflective High Performance Raised Marker | 28 | EACH | \$ 10.00 | \$ 280.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 280.00 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 336.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL BID | \$ 96,147.50 | \$ 122,862.50 | \$ 122,862.50 | \$ 121,731.80 | \$ 121,731.80 |
| | | | | BASE BID + ALL ALTERNATES | \$ 3,916,327.50 | \$ 5,186,598.50 | \$ 5,186,598.50 | \$ 5,271,579.70 | \$ 5,271,579.70 |

I CERTIFY THAT THIS A CORRECT TABULATION OF ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON THE ABOVE DATE.

MATHEMATICAL ERROR CORRECTED IN BID TAB



Cody Peak
Cody Peak, P.E., MS License No. 35990

CITY OF COLUMBUS
2026 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL FUNDING
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus intends to submit an application for federal funding assistance through the United States Department of Transportation's FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus proposes to construct safety improvements including curb extensions and pedestrian accessibility improvements along 5th Street from 4th Avenue South to 5th Avenue North to reduce the risk of a vehicle vs pedestrian and other vehicular crashes within the project area.

WHEREAS, this project is estimated to cost approximately **\$5.83 Million**, and the project is eligible to receive **up to 80%** or approximately **\$4.66 Million** in federal funding assistance through the FY26 SS4A grant program; and

WHEREAS, this project will require a 20% match or approximately **\$1.17 Million** from non-federal funding sources; and

WHEREAS, Monies shall be made available for the required 20% non-federal share project from the City of Columbus local budget or other available non-federal sources. and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF Columbus, MISSISSIPPI:

That Mayor Stephen Jones, acting on behalf of the City of Columbus, is authorized to:

1. Submit an application for the project described herein for federal funding assistance through the United States Department of Transportation's FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Funding Program.
2. Commit the required non-federal matching funds for the project described herein.
3. That the Finance Director is authorized to make any budgetary transactions necessary for the implementation of the forgoing resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by [COUNCIL MEMBER], seconded by [COUNCIL MEMBER], and was adopted by the by the following vote, to-wit:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, this the ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor Stephen Jones

Attest:

City Clerk

CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERMIT

City Ordinance 28 – Streets and Sidewalks, Article V. Assemblies, Parades and Processions; Sec. 28-72. Permit Required: *It shall be unlawful for any person to organize or hold or participate in any parade, meeting, assembly or procession of persons and/or vehicles on the streets or sidewalks within the city unless such activity shall have first been authorized by a written permit.*

Please type or print information and return permit to CPD as soon as possible to allow ample time for review & approval. All permits must be approved at City Council Meetings which are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month. Thank you.

TODAY'S DATE: 4/13/26

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: POUCH FEST

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 301 2nd Ave N
Columbus, MS 39701

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Alan Aldridge TITLE: Organizer

ADDRESS: 501 Green St PHONE: (205) 712-1937
Starkville, MS 39759 PHONE: _____

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: POUCH FEST

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 4/17-4/19 PARADE MEETING ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 4/17 @ 2 AM PM ENDING: 4/19 @ 10 AM PM

PURPOSE: Music / Art Festival

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: Shut down 3rd st N from 2nd Ave N
to 3rd Ave N

MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

Alan Aldridge / Ryan Munson

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 100+/- AGE OF ANY MINORS: _____

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Parents

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: (AC) [Signature] DATE: 4/13/26
NAME & TITLE

CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TODAY'S DATE: April 7th, 2020

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: American Legion Post #69
LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 308 Legion Drive
Columbus, MS 39705

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Marcel Pilate TITLE: Commander
ADDRESS: 308 Legion Drive PHONE: 662-352-3488
Columbus, MS 39705 PHONE: _____

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Veterans Day Parade
DATE OF ACTIVITY: Sat. Nov. 7, 2026 PARADE MEETING ASSEMBLY
EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 9:00 Line up @ Columbus Municipal Complex
10:00 am AM PM ENDING: 11:00 AM PM
↑ Parade Starts
PURPOSE: To Honor All Veterans

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: Beginning at Columbus Municipal Complex, Go West
on Main Street, turn right onto 5th Street North, then turn right onto 2nd Ave
N. and end in front of Lowndes County Courthouse. MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

American Legion Post #69

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 1000-1500 AGE OF ANY MINORS: N/A

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Parents of minors

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 4/7/20
NAME & TITLE



2026 MACP SUMMER EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE-ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

16¹⁹ 2026 SUMMER CONFERENCE
JUN

☰ Event Details

Annual Conference:

June 16-19, 2026

Biloxi, MS

The Annual Conference is our primary educational conference and trade show which provides Chiefs and upper-level law enforcement executives the opportunity to receive the required (20) twenty hours of instruction.

The complete course of instruction will be added once all training is finalized.

NOTE: When registering online please list the Chief(person attending) as the person the order is being billed to and please add the attendees current cell phone number under order notes in additional information. This will be used for voting.

The trade show provides attendees the opportunity to interact with vendors of various types of equipment and technology available for law enforcement today.

The conference also provides for social interaction between Chiefs in an information-sharing format designed to exchange ideas and talk of common problems/solutions they are experiencing.

Lodging: Golden Nugget – Biloxi, Mississippi

Group Rate available: 6/14-6/19, 2026

GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS

Luxury King Non-Smoking \$119.99; Luxury Two Queen Non-Smoking \$139.99, Terrace King 139.00, Terrace (2) Queen 159.00

All rates add a \$16.99 per night resort fee. Rates are subject to Harrison County room tax, currently five percent (5%), and state sales tax, currently seven percent (7%). County and state taxes are subject to change without prior notice. ALL hotel rooms are non-smoking. A \$200 charge will be assessed for smoking in a hotel room. Guestrooms must be occupied by and registered to at least one adult who is twenty-one years of age or older. Photo identification will be required at check-in.

**CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
OFFICIAL TRAVEL REQUEST APPLICATION**

Officials, Officers and Employees of the City of Columbus seeking approval from the Mayor and City Council for permission to travel shall submit this application, fully completed and signed in **ADVANCE** of the requested travel. Except in urgent or necessitous cases, **Requests for Travel** must be submitted for approval well in advance of the Departure Date so that the Mayor and City Council can consider the request at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council before the travel. Travel and reimbursement for same is governed by Section 25-3-41 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as may be amended from time to time.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

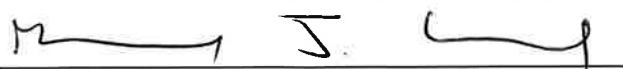
- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Chief Joseph M. Daughtry, Sr., Assistant Chief Garland Ward, Captain Christopher Smith
- Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: 2026 MACP Summer Educational Conference
- Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Receive required twenty (20) hours of instruction and interact with Chiefs to exchange ideas and discuss common problems and solutions.

- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Biloxi, MS
- Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought:
- Proposed Date of Departure: 6/15/2026 • Proposed Date of Return: 6/19/2026
- Mode of Transportation: City

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 1125.00
- Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 119.99
- Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 1439.88
- Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ 200.00
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ 0.00
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ 0.00
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ 0.00
- Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 816.00
- Any other Estimated Costs: \$ 0.00
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS \$ 3,580.88**

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature: 

Date: 4/13/2026

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Charles Yarbrough
 - Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: Mississippi Fire Chief Conference
 - Benefit to City resulting from Attendance:
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- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Biloxi, MS
 - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: IP Hotel
 - Proposed Date of Departure: 5/28/2026 • Proposed Date of Return: 5/31/2026
 - Mode of Transportation: City

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ **80.00**
 - Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ **222.00**
 - Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ **880.00**
 - Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ _____
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ _____
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ _____
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ _____
 - Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ **272.00**
 - Any other Estimated Costs: \$ _____
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS \$ 1,240.00**

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature: _____

Date: 4/14/2026

**CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
OFFICIAL TRAVEL REQUEST APPLICATION**

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Loria Porter
- Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: Benefit to City resulting from Attendance:
MHC Annual Housing Conference
- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought:
Biloxi, MS
- Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought:
- Proposed Sate of Departure: April 29, 2026 Proposed Date of Return: May 1, 2026
- Mode of Transportation: City Vehicle Personal Vehicle Airplane

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 325.00
- Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ _____
- Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ _____
- Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement): \$ _____
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ _____
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ _____
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ _____
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ _____
- Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 170.00
- Any other Estimated Costs: \$ _____
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS** \$ 495.00

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature: *Loria B Porter*

Date: *4/8/2026*

**CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
OFFICIAL TRAVEL REQUEST APPLICATION**

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: **Susan Wilder**
- Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: **Benefit to City resulting from Attendance:
MHC Annual Housing Conference**
- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: **Biloxi, MS**
- Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought:
- Proposed Date of Departure: **April 29, 2026** Proposed Date of Return: **May 1, 2026**
- Mode of Transportation: City Vehicle Personal Vehicle Airplane

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 325.00
- Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ _____
- Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ _____
- Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement): \$ _____
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ _____
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ _____
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ _____
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ 372.65
- Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 170.00
- Any other Estimated Costs: \$ _____
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS** \$ 867.65

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature: *Susan Wilder*

Date: *4/8/26*



Honorable Mayor & City Council,

The following are the next steps for the Kayak Launch:

1. Contact the grant project manager (PM) and talk through next steps with them.
2. Procure a professional to guide Parks & Recreation through the project.
 - a. I can break down the scope to award to several different professionals, but that would normally cost more time, money, and effort. It often also creates a “not in my scope” situation or invites multiple lines of (mis)communication. For such a small project, all is needed is one professional to lead the project.
 - b. There are multiple ways to procure a professional. The fees on this one are under the State requirements for going through a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) process, so we can do an easier and faster selection process if desired.
 - c. We cannot bid professional services without an engineer stamped scope, certifying that the scope is adequate for obtaining bids.
3. Once a designer is selected, we will have a scoping meeting to discuss the grant and what all is expected of the designer through that project.
 - a. We will invite the state grant PM if they can come. They normally have good insight on their process, and again, it is good for them to get to know the project and local team better.
 - b. The design professional would then present a scope and fee for consideration.

4. Once the contract is approved, the normal project design process begins. We would start the environmental review, survey, and geo all at the same time, and then once we have a survey and some preliminary environmental done, design can start.
5. Once design is complete, we will go through the bidding, construction contract award, and construction process.
6. Once all is done, there will be a small process to closeout the grant as well.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact (662) 251-6048.

Greg Lewis, Director
Columbus Recreation Department

COLUMBUS ACTIVITY CENTER

ELECTRICAL ESTIMATE

Install new service

| | |
|-------|-----------|
| Parts | \$1400.00 |
| Labor | \$1600.00 |
| Total | \$3000.00 |

Replace overhead lights with 20 LED flat panel fixtures

| | |
|-------|-----------|
| Parts | \$2200.00 |
| Labor | \$2700.00 |
| Total | \$4900.00 |

Install two emergency/exit lights

| | |
|-------|----------|
| Parts | \$300.00 |
| Labor | \$500.00 |
| Total | \$800.00 |

Baths and Kitchen

| | |
|-------|-----------|
| Parts | \$300.00 |
| Labor | \$800.00 |
| Total | \$1100.00 |

Install five double duplex receptacles on wall by panel and remove plugs on other walls

| | |
|-------|-----------|
| Parts | \$400.00 |
| Labor | \$1000.00 |
| Total | \$1400.00 |

Grand total of all work **\$11,200.00**

Tax Exempt

George Beavers
Beavers Electric
83 Atkins RD
Steens MS 39766
662 251-5237

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P. O. Box 1333 • Columbus, Ms 39703
Office: 662-327-3394 • Fax: 662-327-0426

February 17, 2026

Nathan Katona
Building Department Director
City of Columbus, MS

Re: Electrics and lights for Propst
Park Activity Building

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to provide a quote for the above-mentioned project complete in the amount of \$17,200.00 (Seventeen thousand two hundred dollars), not including sales tax.

This price includes:

- Replace power panel to a 225-amp, 1-phase, 42-circuit panel
- Use existing meter and riser pipe
- Install new wire and ground rod
- Provide and install (20) LED flat-panel lights in main area
- Install (3) switches for lights at entrance door
- Install (1) emergency/exit and (4) emergency lights in main area
- Install (1) emergency light in each bathroom
- Install (5) quads on northeast wall of main room
- Install new wire for water heater
- Demo existing plugs and put blank covers on
- Install switches in bathrooms, hallway, and kitchen

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Malone Electric of Columbus

Rob Malone, President

CITY OF COLUMBUS
 PO REQUIRED PO BOX 1408
 COLUMBUS MS

| CUSTOMER NO. | QUOTE NO. | DATE | CONTACT |
|--------------|------------------|------------|----------|
| 161275 | 86740 | 4/13/2026 | |
| PHONE NO. | FAX NO. | EMAIL | |
| | | | |
| MODEL | MAKE | SERIAL NO. | |
| D6TXL | CATERPILLAR INC. | 0KMR00533 | |
| UNIT NO. | HOURS | WO NO. | P.O. NO. |
| | | | |

SEGMENT: 01 REPAIR* MACHINE* (023 7000)
 Parts

Total Estimated Parts: 0.00

Segment 01 Total: 0.00

Total Segments: 79,458.75

SUB TOTAL (BEFORE TAXES)

79,458.75

EPA/SUPPLY CHARGE

0.00

GRAND TOTAL

79,458.75

CITY OF COLUMBUS
 PO REQUIRED PO BOX 1408
 COLUMBUS MS

| CUSTOMER NO. | QUOTE NO. | DATE | CONTACT |
|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| 161275 | 71621 | 10/24/2024 | CASEY BUSH |
| PHONE NO. | FAX NO. | EMAIL | |
| 662 329 5149 | | | |
| MODEL | MAKE | SERIAL NO. | |
| D6TXL | CATERPILLAR INC. | 0KMR00533 | |
| UNIT NO. | HOURS | WO NO. | P.O. NO. |
| | | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------|
| SEGMENT: 01 | REMOVE & INSTALL* UNDERCARRIAGE* (010 4150) | | |
| Parts | | Total Estimated Parts: | 40,554.92 |
| Labor | | Total Flat Rate Labor: | 6,160.00 |
| Segment 01 Total: | | | 46,714.92 |

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| SEGMENT: 02 | REMOVE & INSTALL* EQUALIZER BAR* (010 7206) | | |
| Parts | | Total Time and Material Parts: | 0.00 |
| Labor | | Total Flat Rate Labor: | 1,350.00 |
| Segment 02 Total: | | | 1,350.00 |

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|--------------------------|---|------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| SEGMENT: 03 | RECONDITION * EQUALIZER BAR* (020 7206) | | | | | |
| Part Number | Description | Qty | Unit Price | PartDiscount | Discount% | Ext Price |
| 1390566 | SEAL AS | 4.00 | 239.21 | | | 956.84 |
| 1J6472 | RING | 4.00 | 22.59 | | | 90.36 |
| 20R0078 | BAR GP EQUAL | 1.00 | 6,855.82 | | | 6,855.82 |
| 20R0078 | CORE | 1.00 | 3,296.07 | | | 0.00 |
| 2814015 | PIN | 2.00 | 120.61 | | | 241.22 |
| 3621268 | PIN AS | 1.00 | 395.18 | | | 395.18 |
| | | | | | Total Estimated Parts: | 8,539.42 |
| Labor | | | | | Total Time and Material Labor: | 540.00 |
| Segment 03 Total: | | | | | | 9,079.42 |

SEGMENT: 10 REMOVE & INSTALL* TRACK SHOE* BOTH SIDES (010 4172 B)

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Labor | Total Estimated Labor: | 1,408.00 |
| | Segment 10 Total: | 1,408.00 |
| | Total Segments: | 58,552.34 |
| SUB TOTAL (BEFORE TAXES) | | 58,552.34 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | 58,552.34 |

PO#: _____ Authorized Name: _____ (signature)

Date: _____ *Thank you for this opportunity to serve your company* _____ (print)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Prepared by: Todd Bailey Phone: 662-251-3799 Email: Todd.Bailey@tmcac.com Fax:

- Freight, Taxes and Misc/Enviro charges
 - Non-reclaimable core charges
 - Labor and expenses associated with overtime
 - Transportation to & from Thompson Machinery repair centers
 - Non-salvageable reusable hardware replacement
 - Non-cat paint
 - Replacement of competitive parts
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Terms and Conditions

BY SIGNATURE ABOVE, I certify that I am the owner or owner's agent, and authorize Thompson Machinery , its employees, subcontractors or consultants to perform the inspection, maintenance or repairs described above to include the provision and use of necessary materials required to accomplish the described work scope. I further authorize Thompson Machinery to operate the equipment, or any part therein described for the purpose of testing and/or inspection. I understand that payment for all work performed is due in full upon completion.

Upon acceptance, this quote becomes a legal agreement between you (either an individual or the entity you are authorized to represent) and Thompson Machinery. Further, signing certifies the information provided is true and correct, and that the signer is authorized to charge this purchase as noted. Thompson Machinery reserves the right to reject a partial or modified quote. You may cancel an accepted quote until the work is started. Once started, work may be stopped at anytime. Partially completed work will be billed based on Time and Materials at Thompson Machinery's prevailing rate. Additional handling and storage fees may apply to work partially completed or work temporarily put on hold.

EQUIPMENT HAVING INSTALLED FIRE SUPPRESSANT SYSTEMS: During course of repair work it may become necessary to deactivate or disturb mechanical and/or electrical components of the fire suppression system. Reactivation of the fire suppressant system is the responsibility of the customer and should be undertaken before machine operations. Thompson Machinery accepts no responsibility for the reactivation, testing or operation of the fire suppressant system.

STANDARD WARRANTY: Parts for this repair are warranted as indicated by the manufacturer from the date of invoice. In addition, Thompson Machinery CAT's standard labor warranty of 90 days will apply. Full warranty statements, including limitations and exclusions, are available from any Thompson Machinery facility. Ask your service representative about additional or enhanced warranty availability.

EXPIRATION: This Agreement is good for 30 Day after the Creation date..

THESE WARRANTIES ARE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS OF PURPOSE. REMEDIES FOR THESE WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED TO THE PROVISION OF MATERIAL AND SERVICES AS SPECIFIED HEREIN. IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER CATRPILLAR OR Thompson Machinery BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

CORE CHARGES: Core charges will be returned to customer upon acceptance of the core by Caterpillar.

OVERTIME: Overtime can be added at customers request charged at Thompson Machinery's prevailing overtime rate.

PARTS POLICY: This quote does not include any un-salvageable parts. Parts will be set aside for customer approval before replacement.

TURNAROUND TIME: Thompson Machinery will not be responsible for circumstances outside of its control. If delays are experienced, the customer will be contacted. In no event will Thompson Machinery or subsidiaries be liable for any direct or indirect damages (including, without limitation, lost profits, lost savings or other incidental or consequential damages) arising out of the use or inability to use the machine, even if Thompson Machinery or subsidiaries has been advised of the possibility of such loss.

MAYOR

STEPHEN JONES.

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GEORGE IRBY

April 14, 2026

Mayor Stephen Jones and
Members of the City Council
City of Columbus, MS

RE: CHANGE IN LEAVE ACCRUALS

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Currently, when a new employee is hired prior to the 12th of the month, he/she will accrue vacation and sick leave on the 15th day of the same month.

I request that you consider approving the request to change this policy to:

New employees will begin accruing vacation leave and sick leave on the 15th day of the month following a 30-day appointment.

The purpose of this change is to prevent new employees from working a week or two and accruing leave, as well as design the policy to be like the insurance policy where employees' insurance will be effective the first of the month following a 30-day appointment.

I further request that this policy change be effective May 1, 2026. The Employee Personnel Rules Handbook will be amended to add this policy and all new employees will be distributed a copy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Patricia Mitchell
Human Resources Director

Cc: James Brigham, CFO

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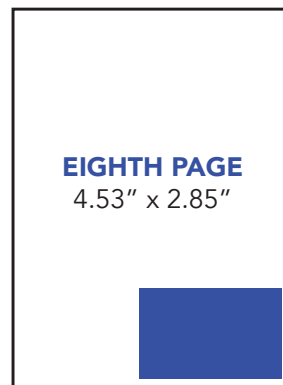
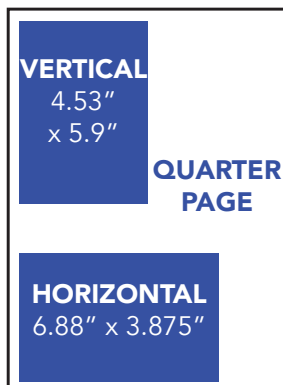
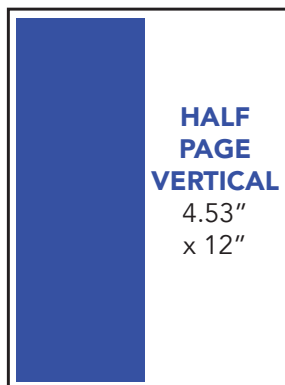
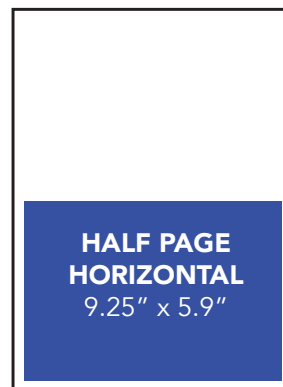
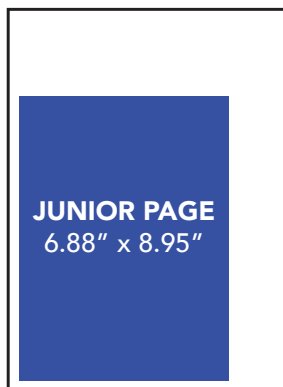
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ADVERTISING RATES

The *Mississippi Business Journal* is Mississippi's only statewide business publication. Founded in 1978, the *MBJ* is published each month and designed to report to our larger readership of corporate owners, managers, small businesses, elected officials, and Mississippi's business leadership across the entire state. The *MBJ*'s editorial scope encompasses local business news and trends, profiles of upwardly mobile innovators and the businesses they run, legal and financial advice, as well as editorials and guest commentaries on topics that are relevant to Mississippi's business community. The *MBJ* also devotes extensive coverage to many industries in Mississippi that range from construction, to health care, banking and finance.

| Ad Size | 1x Rate | 3x Rate | 6x Rate | 12x Rate |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Full Page | \$1,750 | \$1,500 | \$1,250 | \$985 |
| Jr. Page | \$1,500 | \$1,350 | \$1,000 | \$800 |
| 1/2 Page | \$1,350 | \$1,000 | \$850 | \$650 |
| 1/4 Page | \$385 | \$345 | \$325 | \$300 |
| 1/8 Page | \$295 | \$260 | \$240 | \$225 |

*NOTE: ALL AD RATES ARE NET. ALL RATES PER INSERTION



*DOUBLE TRUCK
19.25" x 12"

ONLINE ADVERTISING RATES

MONTHLY RATES

(All rates per month) Average page views 150,000 Impressions per month

| Type | Pixels | Price |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Top or Footer Banner | 728 x 90 | \$700/month |
| Large Square | 300 x 250 | \$550/month |
| Small | 300 x 100 | \$450/month |

TOP OR FOOTER BANNER

728 x 90 Pixels

LARGE SQUARE

300 x 250 Pixels

SMALL

300 x 100 Pixels

ONLINE ADVERTISING

SUBMITTING YOUR AD

Please submit your design (and URL if link is desired), five (5) business days in advance of your first online advertising placement. Updated designs may be sent with three (3) days notice. E-mail your ad to pam@msbusinessjournal.com.

ONLINE AD RATES & POLICIES

PRICING: All advertising is priced on a per-month basis. All ads run in 30-day time periods. Each ad is rotated with maximum of three other advertisers per ad position. Billing begins when first ad appears on the Web site and continues for said number of months of the contract.

PLACEMENT AND SIZE: www.msbusinessjournal.com offers advertising clients several prominent online advertising options designed to provide maximum impact for the investment. All rates are monthly.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: All ads must be ready to be placed no later than five (5) days prior to the beginning of the advertising schedule. Any ad space not filled by the advertiser as a part of their advertising contract will be filled by the publisher until the customer ad is produced or is submitted. Such an act does not constitute changing the start date as stated on the advertising contract. *Mississippi Business Journal* reserves the right to reject any advertisement and/or any URL link for any reason.

AD SPECIFICATIONS

Please submit your ad in GIF format or JPG format. This can be an animated gif file, but will be tested prior to acceptance on the site. All advertisements with white backgrounds must include at least a one pixel border included in the ad size to equal specifications below.

All online ad campaigns must conform to the pixel dimensions shown on the rate card for each ad size. For example, the Banner ad is 300 wide x 250 pixels high. If you have any questions about advertising on line with the *Mississippi Business Journal*, please call 662-843-2700.

CREDIT & PAYMENT TERMS

All advertisers must submit a credit application. Invoices are rendered on the date of publication. Accounts are payable upon receipt. Accounts not paid within 30 days may incur a late charge of 1.5% per month. Accounts not paid within 120 days are turned over to an attorney for collection of amounts due plus late charges and collection costs. No advertising will run on any account with an open invoice more than 90 days past due. Any discrepancies in advertising invoices must be questioned within 10 days.

PRINT ADVERTISING

MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS

The *Mississippi Business Journal* page is four columns wide with a live image area of 10" x 12.5". Gutter width is .208p

Advertisers should furnish electronic files emailed to pam@msbusinessjournal.com or sent on CDs, in PDF, JPEG, TIFF, EPS, Adobe In Design or Illustrator formats. All files should be formatted for Macintosh. If materials furnished are not camera-ready, additional charges may be assessed for necessary production work.

INSERT REQUIREMENTS

Inserts must fit totally inside the pages of the standard *Mississippi Business Journal*. Prices vary on inserts according to size, weight and special binding requirements. Your advertising representative will need the dimensions and weight of your insert prior to quoting a final price. The U.S. Post Office regulates mailing of inserts under specific rules. It is recommended that print specifications be re-confirmed with your advertising representative prior to printing. Inserts are non-commissionable.

CONTRACTS

The contract year is 12 consecutive issues. Advertising must be inserted within one year of first insertion to earn frequency discount rates. An advertiser who does not complete a committed schedule will be subject to the next shortest rate and billing will be adjusted accordingly. Credits earned by increasing frequency during a contract year may only be applied toward the next billing for space. Absolutely no cash rebates will be made.

COMMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS

Commissions are 15% of gross display rates only, to recognized agencies. Agencies must provide proper materials to qualify for Agency commission. Ad materials that require production or camera work will be charged the appropriate rate and agency will forfeit any commissions due.

CREDIT, PAYMENT AND MAKE-GOODS

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PUBLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES

The *Mississippi Business Journal* is published once a month. Advertising space reservations and materials are due no later than ten (10) days prior to publication.

For more information about advertising in the MBJ,
contact Pam Parker, Managing Editor at pam@msbusinessjournal.com

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PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

BUYER ACTIVITY:

42% of *MBJ* subscribers plan to buy or lease a new automobile and invest in many other consumer goods in the next year.

Purchasing plans over the next 12 months:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Clothing | 81% |
| Furniture | 50% |
| Insurance | 50% |
| Landscaping | 44% |
| Automobiles | 42% |
| Financial Services (loans, mortgages) | 29% |
| Jewelry | 28% |
| Cleaning Services | 22% |
| Stereo Equipment | 19% |

PERSONAL INVESTMENTS:

93% of *MBJ* subscribers are homeowners; 42% hold other real estate investments; 61% hold stock/bond investments.

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| Home | 93% |
| IRA/Keogh Accounts | 55% |
| Stocks/Bonds | 61% |
| Mutual Funds | 67% |
| Certificates of Deposit | 32% |
| Real Estate other than home | 60% |
| Insurance-Related Investments | 41% |
| Annuities | 24% |
| Joint Ventures, Limited Partnerships | 21% |
| Other | 4% |

EDUCATION:

75.7% of *MBJ* subscribers are college graduates

Educational Achievements:

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|---------------------|-------|
| Doctoral Degree | 9.4% |
| Masters Degree | 18.8% |
| Post Graduate Study | 9% |
| College Graduate | 38.4% |
| Some College | 19.2% |
| High School or less | 5.1% |

QUALITY OF LIFE:

74.8% of *MBJ* subscribers own a home in the \$100,000+ price range.

Value of Principal Home:

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Under \$100,000 | 25.2% |
| \$100,000 - \$200,000 | 50.1% |
| \$200,000 - \$300,000 | 18.6% |
| \$300,000 - \$400,000 | 4.5% |
| Over \$400,000 | 1.5% |

ACTIVE AGE GROUP:

65.5% of *MBJ* readers are 25-54 years old.

Age Brackets:

| | | | |
|----------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Under 25 | 1.6% | 55-64 | 24.1% |
| 25-34 | 12.1% | 65 and over | 8.9% |
| 35-44 | 19.5% | Male Readers | 72.5% |
| 45-54 | 33.9% | Female readers | 27.5% |

By advertising with the *Mississippi Business Journal* you will reach those customers who are ready, willing and able to buy your goods or services.

2026

MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS JOURNAL

EDITORIAL CALENDAR

***subject to change*

JANUARY

Construction

Sales STOP:
November 24
ALL Mats Due:
November 27

JULY

Workforce Development
Gas/Petroleum
Top 40 Under 40

Sales STOP:
June 15
ALL Mats Due:
June 16

FEBRUARY

Banking/Finance
Golden Triangle

Sales STOP:
January 15
ALL Mats Due:
January 16

AUGUST

Healthcare
Hattiesburg

Sales STOP:
July 15
ALL Mats Due:
July 16

MARCH

Tourism

Sales STOP:
February 15
ALL Mats Due:
February 16

SEPTEMBER

Gulf Coast
Hattiesburg

Sales STOP:
August 15
ALL Mats Due:
August 16

APRIL

McComb/Pike County
Holly Springs
Retirement/ Senior Living

Sales STOP:
March 15
ALL Mats Due:
March 16

OCTOBER

Tupelo
Real Estate
Top Minority Business Leader

Sales STOP:
September 15
ALL Mats Due:
September 16

MAY

Salute to Mayors
Meridian/Lauderdale County

Sales STOP:
April 15
ALL Mats Due:
April 16

NOVEMBER

Law Firms
Oxford

Sales STOP:
October 15
ALL Mats Due:
October 16

JUNE

Education
Jackson

Sales STOP:
May 15
ALL Mats Due:
May 16

DECEMBER

Hotel/Lodging
Natchez
Corporate Greetings
Best of the Best

Sales STOP:
November 15
ALL Mats Due:
November 16

MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS JOURNAL

Dear Mayors and City Clerks,

We at the Mississippi Business Journal are extremely pleased to announce our second annual statewide Salute to Mayors in our upcoming May edition!

This Special Report section, entitled Salute To Mississippi Mayors, will give you the opportunity to share your accomplishments and pride in the towns and cities you lead with our large business readership across the state and beyond. This edition of the MBJ is sure to be a keepsake and one that will go far in recognizing the hard work that takes place in every mayor's office across the state on a daily basis. Some of you may be in your first year or have served your city with years of dedicated service — regardless we value your input!

Attached you will see questions that we'd appreciate your answering for publication in the story, along with deadlines.

This is your chance to provide a paragraph or two what you have accomplished in your tenure if you have served for multiple terms or what your plans are if you are newly-elected. If you are new to your office, this opportunity is a great way to introduce yourself to our over 10,000 readers.

We're very excited to honor and salute the work that you do while, at the same, providing additional publicity and information about the great communities you oversee.

Sincerely,

Jack Criss
Executive Editor
Mississippi Business Journal
662-843-2700
Cell: 601-750-6587

Questions to answer and email back to jack@coopwood.net:

*What major accomplishment are you most proud of in your city during your term as Mayor?

*What are your upcoming plans for the city you serve?

Please limit answers to 250 words.

Please also email a photo along with your answers.

Deadline for answers to be included in the editorial section is April 17th.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Jack



Greetings and Welcome to Columbus, Mississippi

On behalf of the Mayor's Office, the City Council, and the citizens of Columbus, Mississippi, we extend a warm welcome to you. We are honored to have Columbus Air Force Base as a cornerstone of our community and a proud part of our "Friendly City." Since World War II, CAFB has played a vital role in training military aviators and continues to graduate hundreds of Airmen each year, upholding a legacy of excellence, service, and national defense.

Columbus is proudly recognized as the birthplace of Tennessee Williams, one of America's most celebrated playwrights, as well as legendary professional world boxing champion Henry Armstrong. Columbus is rich in history, featuring an array of preserved architectural landmarks among these are two historic cemeteries—Sandfield and Friendship Cemeteries, the latter being the site of the nation's first Decoration Day observance in 1866, now recognized as Memorial Day.

Columbus is home to Mississippi University for Women, now a coeducational institution, which holds the distinction of being the first public college for women in the United States and the current home of the Mississippi Governor's School. Additionally, we take great pride in hosting the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, the state's only public residential STEM high school, dedicated to serving academically gifted students and cultivating the next generation of leaders in science and innovation.

Columbus has also made significant contributions to the Mississippi Freedom Trail and the Mississippi Blues Trail. Our great city is home to several historic markers, including those recognizing the Queen City Hotel, Gleed's Corner, Dr. Emmett James Stringer, and the Black Prairies which produced renowned blues artists such as Howlin' Wolf, Bukka White, and Big Joe Williams.

Columbus' downtown district features a vibrant mix of shops, businesses, and restaurants, anchored by historic Main Street and enhanced by premier cultural and civic destinations, including the Senator Terry Brown Amphitheater, the Columbus Arts Council/Rosenzweig Arts Center, the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center, the J.M. Trotter Convention Center, and the Hitching Lot Farmers' Market.

Columbus proudly hosts and promotes several signature events that draw visitors and stimulate local commerce, including the Market Street Festival, the award-winning performance of Tales from the Crypt, Catfish in the Alley, the 8th of May Celebration, Southside Blues Festival, Juneteenth Festival, Fireworks on the Water, and the 7th Avenue Heritage Festival.

Columbus is home to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and the Columbus Lock and Dam, offering exceptional opportunities for fishing, boating, and outdoor recreation. The Friendly City also features a scenic Riverwalk, twelve public parks, a designated walking and biking trail, and a premier soccer complex that hosts local, state, and regional tournaments.

Additionally, Columbus proudly hosts the Dr. John "Jack" Kaye Cretaceous Fossil Park, located along the Luxapalila Creek at Propst Park. This unique educational and recreational asset enhances Columbus' offerings by promoting outdoor exploration, tourism, and hands-on learning experiences for visitors of all ages.

While Columbus offers a wealth of amenities and attractions, its greatest asset is its people. We extend a warm and sincere welcome and invite you to experience all that the Friendly City has to offer.

Stephen Jones, Mayor

