

2014 State of the County Address

Presented By: Supervisor Troy Ross, 2014 Board President

Projects & Events Accomplished in 2013...

New Supervisor District Lines (effective January 1, 2014)

Albert Santa Cruz - MS Highway Patrol Building (\$255,000 JC funded)

Gov. Haley Barbour Maritime Training Academy (\$19 Million - CDBG)

- 70K sq. ft. workforce development training center
- MGCCC and Ingalls Shipbuilding partnership

MS Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau formed

- Created to promote South Mississippi as "A Destination"
- JC Appointees: Richard Chenoweth, Rich Westfall, Carla Todd

Hurricane Recovery Projects Completed (FEMA/MEMA Funded):

- MDOC Administrative Building - \$1.3 Million (January 10, 2014)
- Harbor Bulkhead, Boardwalk, Platforms - \$4 Million (2012-2013)
- Beach Replenishment: Front and East Beaches in Ocean Springs



**New 2K sq. ft. MHP Building
located on North Highway 57
New Phone Number: 228-818-8340**



County Department Highlights

– Road Department –

- 3 Bridges/Box Culvert Projects
- 8 Major (\$180K+) Drainage/Road Improvement Projects
- Day-to-Day Maintenance of more than 900 miles of roadways
- Wetland Mitigation Project (assisted with Roy Crain Ballpark)

New Construction Permits

227 Residential • 17 Commercial
Total Valuation: \$40,000,506

2013 Grant Awards

Total: \$24,114,195
(Local, State, and Federal)

County Building Improvements

- Justice Court Addition in WJC
- Relocated and/or donated 8 modular units for office storage, or recreational space
- Renovations to DA's office
- Jefferson Street Complex
 - Justice Courtroom Enlarged
 - Permanent Voting Precinct
 - Parking Lot Asphalted
 - Landscaping

– Recreation Facility Improvements –

- **LeMoyné Boulevard Soccer Field:** *Initial legwork*
- **St. Martin Youth Complex:** *Improved sidewalk*
- **Latimer Walking Track:** *Installed restrooms*
- **Vancleave Tennis Complex:** *New pavilion*
- **Lum Cumbest Park:** *Improved girls field, backstop*
- **Khayat Park:** *Fencing around complex*
- **JC Soccer Complex Expansion:**
Completed with added parking, irrigation, & fencing (lighting - Spring 2014)
- **Boat Launches and Piers (Grant Funded):**
 - **Octavia Boat Launch:** *Ramp, Pier and Parking lot (Tidelands Funds)*
 - **Old Spanish Fort Pier:** *Replace pier (Tidelands Funds)*
 - **Ft. Bayou Boat Launch:** *Bulkhead work (GOMESA Funds)*



Curbside recycling rates increased from less than 3% to more than 7% after the larger recycling carts were distributed.

– Recycling Programs in Jackson County –

- NEW Curbside Recycling Carts in unincorporated areas (began in Sept)
- Recycling containers placed at 10 County Facilities and County Fair
- Landfill recycling programs brought in about \$62,600 in revenue
- Assist in "Renew Our Rivers", Soil Conservation Day, River Rats Cleanup
- \$167K in grant funds for 2014 HHW Day/E-Waste/Waste Tires Programs
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – 4/26/14 (1,060 cars in 2013)
- Proposing a "Business E-Waste Day" for 2014

2013 Landfill Recycling Revenue

Cardboard -	\$ 600
Metal/Appliances -	\$60,000
Waste Oil (from County Depts)	\$ 1,600
E-Waste (new – 2 mos.)	\$ 400

Total of \$505,000 since 2007

Household Hazardous Waste Day
April 26, 2014 @ Singing River Mall

**Jackson County Budget - FY 2014
(October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014)**

FY 2014 Operating Budget \$134.5 million

The operating budget is made up of Ad Valorem (taxes) as well as fees, state, and federal grants. The County's Ad Valorem is based on the assessed value of the County. One mill is 1/1000th of a dollar, or one mill yields one dollar in revenue for each \$1,000 of assessed value.

County's Overall Assessed Value in 2013 \$1.56 billion
 Value of a Mill \$1.56 million
 Millage Rate* 51.369

Total County Ad Valorem \$82.4 million

(Value of a mill * Millage Rate) - (Exemptions)

The millage is allocated as follows:

Pat Harrison	0.220
Airport	0.860
Capital Improvements	1.000
Port Authority	1.000
Reappraisal Maintenance	1.000
Library	1.667
Debt Service	2.748
MGCCC	4.345
Road/Bridge	9.664
General	<u>28.885</u>
Total Mills	51.369

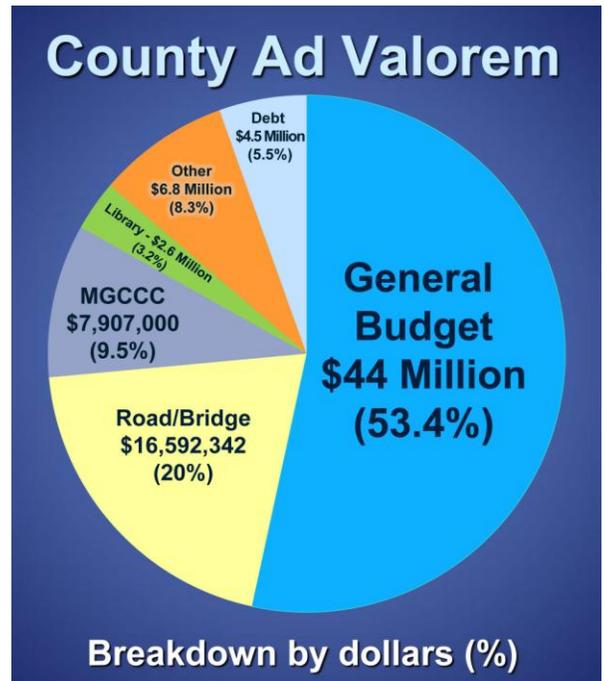
It's important to remember the County's millage (51.369 mills), on average makes up only one-third of most city residents' overall tax bill. The other two thirds are divided up between the city and the school district. For example, residents who live in these municipalities/ areas and/or school districts pay the following levies:

<u>Location & School Districts</u>	<u>County Millage</u>	<u>City Millage</u>	<u>School Millage</u>
Pascagoula (Pascagoula School Dist.)	51.369	39.550	48.390
Moss Point (Moss Point School Dist.)	51.369	50.070	61.820
Ocean Springs (Ocean Springs School Dist.)	51.369	21.830	66.380
Gautier (Pascagoula School Dist.)	51.369	34.540	48.390
County School District			52.601
ALL Unincorporated: Solid Waste & Rural Fire	9.595		
Unincorporated: Special Levies (Fire, Lighting, Utilities)	varies		

Millage rates are applied to five classes of property subject to taxation based on your Tax District. The classes of property include Single Family Owner Occupied, All other Real Property, Personal Property, Automobiles, and Public Utilities.

For a more detailed breakdown of millage rates and how to determine yours
<http://www.co.jackson.ms.us/img/finance-millage/millagerates2013-14.pdf>

* This is a base rate, however Exemptions such as Homestead will reduce County Ad Valorem. In addition, some industries may qualify for exemptions under the Tax Exemption Policy. Residents in unincorporated areas will also pay "Special Levies" such as Solid Waste, Fire, and Utility and Lighting Districts.



Projects Budgeted for 2014

\$22 Million

Road Department Budget



County Road Crews manage more than 900 miles of roads & bridges (paving, ditches, drainage, signage)

View Four Year Road Plan at www.co.jackson.ms.us

Paving Budget: \$4.9 Million

Paving funds allocated for projects in unincorporated areas as well as the four municipalities

Bridge Replacements

- Frank Snell Rd.
- Indian Lane
- Seaman Road
- Seth Road
- Grand Bature Road
- John Holder Road
- Martin Bluff Road (Gautier)
- Dantzler Street (Moss Point)

Special Grant Funded Projects

- Yellow Jacket/Old Ft. Bayou \$2.5M*
- Forts Lake Road \$1.1M*
- Hwy. 57 (Old Spanish Tr. to Hwy 90) \$1.3M*

* Total Cost: Includes grant funds and County's match

Other Special Projects

- Old Fort Bayou Road (Curve)
- Wire Road
- John Smith Road
- Money Farm Road
- Carraway Road

Other Recent Grant Notifications (Est. Project Cost)

- Old Ft. Bayou/Hwy. 609 Intersection Improvements (\$2.1M)
- LeMoyne Blvd/Brittany Avenue Signal (\$400K)
- Old Spanish Trail Overlay & Bike Lanes from OSMS to MSHS - (\$500K)

These are long term projects that will likely be included in the 2015 budget. The County will be responsible for preliminary costs and a match.

The Sheriff Department's 2014 budget of \$15.9 million includes \$6.2 Million for the day-to-day operations at the ADC.

Hurricane Recovery Dredging Projects

\$14 Million (FEMA/State \$11 Million and County \$3 Million)

- Bayou Chicot
- Cedar Point Bayou
- Fort Bayou
- Graveline Bayou
- Keiffer Bayou
- Lake Mars/Starks Bayou
- Moreton Bayou
- Ocean Springs Harbor



- Sandalwood Bayou
 - Simmons Bayou
 - St. Martin Bayou
 - Upper Davis Bayou
 - Vaughndale Bayou
- Dredging to begin February 2014**
- Bayou Porteaux
 - Bayou Porteaux (East Prong)

JC is in the process of obtaining required permits for dredging projects before going out for bid

Other Hurricane Recovery Projects

- Pascagoula Beach Replenishment (FEMA/MEMA/County)
- Belle Fontaine Bulkhead & Jetty Repairs (FEMA/MEMA/County)
- Ocean Springs Harbor Debris Removal from boat slips (Tidelands)

JC Recreational Facilities to Expand and Improve

Budgeted Projects

- Lum Cumbest Park:** New Bleachers, 2 Backstops \$78,800
- Vancleave:** Splash Pads and New Arena Package \$160,000
- Khayat Park:** Large Pavilion and Ground Work \$85,000
- LeMoyne Boulevard:** Soccer Field (total of \$450K to date) \$250,000

Grant Funded Recreation Projects

- Vancleave RV Complex at Horse Arena (EDI Grant)
- Ft. Bayou Boat Ramp and Parking Lot Improvements (Tidelands)
- Bayou Casotte Boat Ramps and Parking (Tidelands)
- McInnis Boat Launch Refurbished (US Dept. of Interior)
- Old Spanish Ft. Boat Ramp Repairs and Pier Improvements (Tidelands)



2014 Construction and Economic Development Projects

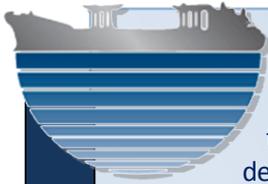
Budgeted (In-House) Construction Projects

The JC Maintenance Department will do about \$500K in new construction, renovations, and upkeep at County facilities to include:

- Sheriff Substation in WJC Addition (\$45K)
- Youth Court Renovations (\$62K)
- Security Cameras at County Facilities (\$34K)
- EC Community Center Water Hookup (\$20K)
(Used as a Special Needs Storm Shelter)

Adult Detention Center (\$27,608,000)

- Bid Awarded: December 16, 2013
- Contractor: Caddell Construction Co. (DE), LLC
- Notice to Proceed: January 13, 2014
- Substantial Completion: Spring 2015



The **Port of Pascagoula** is a major economic driver and partner to port dependent industries. The County works closely with the Port to expand and improve economic development opportunities.

Port of Pascagoula – Largest Seaport in Mississippi

Port of Pascagoula Facility Expansion (\$30 Million)

- New George County wood pellet plant expects to export 500K tons of pellets per year to Europe
- Jackson County's \$24M Bond to be issued in 2014
- Bond to be repaid by company = no increase in taxes
- Other Funds: \$10M - state/\$5M - terminal operator
- Facility to be operational by early 2016

Railroad Interchange Relocation (\$14 Million)

- US DOT's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program
- Move from DT Pascagoula to east of MS Hwy. 63
- Improved efficiency and capacity of interchange
- Remove 16 crossings in Moss Point and Pascagoula

Signet Maritime – Phase I (\$523,400 - CDBG)

- Environmental Slab
- Future Improvements: assembly building, dredging, bulkhead improvements

Basic Skills Training Annex (\$1.3 Million - CDBG)

- Addition to Maritime Training Academy
- 4,105 sq. ft. multi-purpose auditorium style classroom to hold up to 320 people
- JC hired grant admin., engineer and architect

VT Halter Marine (\$20 Million - CDBG)

- Ship repair and overhaul facility
- Broke ground in 2012 to be completed in 2014

Big Hill Acres Water and Sewer Project (\$20.6 Million)

- \$3.9M: JC Utility Authority (match funds)
- Majority of funding from US Army Corp of Engineers, USDA Rural Development Loan, Big Hill Acres, Inc. (easements)
- 800 residential connections
- New water supply and elevated storage tank, upgrades to wastewater treatment plant

Water Treatment Plant in NE JC (\$9.2 Million)

- Funded by EPA funds
- Treat average of 1 million gallons per day
- To serve areas of Escatawpa, Helena, Big Point and possibly Wade and Hurley

I-10 Connector Road - Phase 1 (\$11.7 Million)

- **Phase 1:** 2 traffic lanes, center turn lane, 8 ft. shoulders, and open ditches
- Funding Secured: \$8.7 Million (Federal funds and Legislative Earmarks)
- ROW services to be completed by May 2015

Total FY 2013 Tax Collections

\$201,575,866

Top 10 Tax Payers in FY 2013

Chevron Refinery	Mississippi Phosphates Corp.
Mississippi Power	Bellsouth Communications
Huntington Ingalls	Destin Pipeline Company, LLC
Gulf Power Company	Signal International
Gulf Stream Natural Gas Sys.	Tri-State Pipeline