

# State of the County - 2016

Jackson County, Mississippi



Presented by Melton Harris, Jr.  
Board President & District 2 Supervisor



## Swearing-In Ceremony December 4, 2015



District Attorney - Tony Lawrence  
Chancery Clerk - Josh Eldridge  
Circuit Clerk - Randy Carney  
Tax Assessor - Nick Elmore  
Tax Collector - Joe Tucker  
Coroner - Vicki L. Broadus  
County Attorney - Mark H. Watts

Justice Court Judges:  
District 1 – Matt Lachaussee  
District 2 – Ennis Millender, Sr.  
District 3 – Jason Thornton  
District 4 – Daniel D. Guice, III

Supervisors:  
District 1 – Barry Cumbest  
District 2 – Melton Harris, Jr.  
District 3 – Ken Taylor  
District 4 – Troy Ross  
District 5 – Randy Bosarge

Constables:  
District 1 – Ty Thompson  
District 2 – Calvin W. Hutchins  
District 3 – K. Shane Langfitt  
District 4 – Kerry B. Fountain

School Board:  
Superintendent – Barry Amacker  
District 5 – Troy E. Frisbie

Election Commissioners:  
District 4 - Michael Dickinson  
District 5 - Tamara Vidrine

**Appointed Positions**  
Public Defender - Amanda Galle  
Assistant District Attorneys

# JC Board of Supervisors 2016 - 2019



**Barry Cumbest**  
District 1

**Melton Harris, Jr.**  
District 2

**Ken Taylor**  
District 3

**Troy Ross**  
District 4

**Randy Bosarge**  
District 5

## Supervisor District Lines



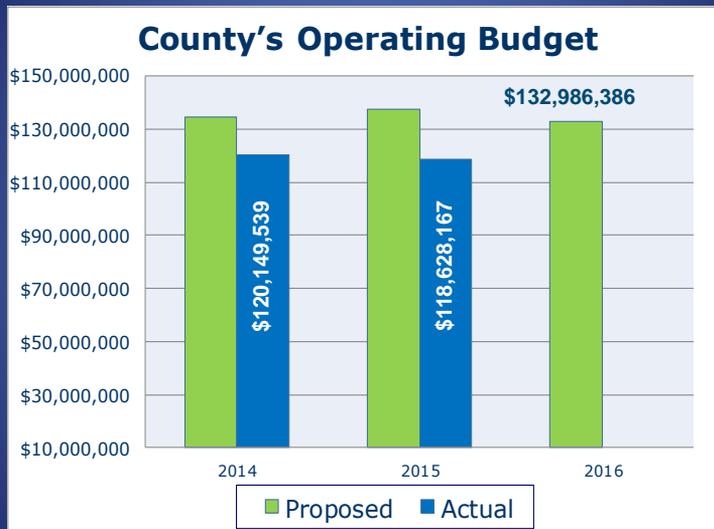
# Areas of Focus

*State of the County*

## 2016 Financials

County Improvement Projects  
Industry/Economic Development

## County Finances



# County Finances

## Millage Breakdown

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Pat Harrison	0.200	0.200
Airport	0.860	0.702
Capital Improvements	1.000	1.000
Port Authority	1.000	1.000
Reappraisal Maint.	1.000	1.000
Library	1.636	1.776
Debt Service	1.342	0.965
Comm. College	4.270	4.051
Road/Bridge	9.664	8.966
General	<u>30.397</u>	<u>31.709</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>51.369</b>	<b>51.369</b>

## Assessed Value of County

\$2.07 billion  
(before exemptions)

### Value of a mill

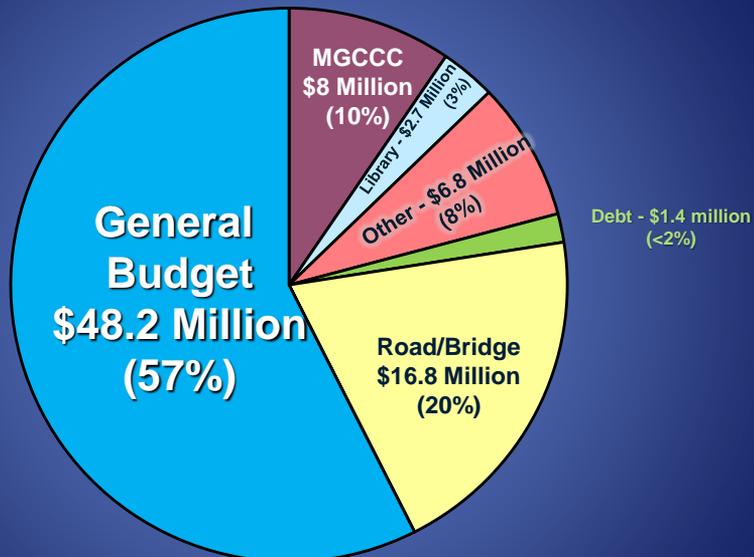
**Exempt : \$1.985M**  
(18 mills – All property)

**Non-Exempt: \$1.520M**  
(33.369 mills – All property less exemptions)

### Ad Valorem Budget

**\$84.1 million**  
(after exemptions)

## County Ad Valorem Budget



Breakdown of \$84.1 Million by dollars

# Funding Sources

## Property Tax Payments

- \$218 million in tax revenue collected FY 2015  
Includes County, School and City taxes (exception of MP property tax)

## Grants (New and On-Going)

- JC Expended Approximately \$22.6 Million in Grant Projects in FY 2015
- Transportation, Recreation, Emergency Management, Preservation, Economic Development, etc.

## Recycling Programs

- \$17.6K in Revenue in 2015
- \$88K in MDEQ Grant Programs

## Construction Permits

Total Revenue: \$379K

New Construction Permits issued:

- 151 Residential
- 15 Commercial
- Total Valuation of \$59 million

### Top Tax Payers for 2015

<i>Chevron</i>	<i>\$48.45M</i>
<i>MS Power Co.</i>	<i>\$21.1M</i>
<i>Ingalls</i>	<i>\$10M</i>
<i>Gulf Power Co.</i>	<i>\$7.85M</i>
<i>Gulf LNG</i>	<i>\$7.11M</i>
<i>Gulfstream Nat'l Gas System</i>	<i>\$1.24M</i>
<i>Plains Southcap, Inc.</i>	<i>\$1.12M</i>
<i>Cal-KY Pipeline</i>	<i>\$1.1M</i>
<i>VT Halter Marine</i>	<i>\$1M</i>
<i>Destin Pipeline Co.</i>	<i>\$799K</i>

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# Roads & Bridges

## Road Department Annual Budget - \$22.5 Million

- \$4.9M in Paving (Cities & County)
- Day-to-Day Operations
- Capital Projects



## 2015 Capital Projects

- 2 Bridges Replacements (Campground Road & Seaman Road)
- 6 Major Road Improvements

### 2015 Grant, Federal and State Aid Projects

- Forts Lake Road (near completion) \$1.4M (\$250K\*)
- I-10 Connector ROW \$6M (\$529K\*)
- Joe Batt Road (State Aid Project) \$530K (no JC\$)

\* County's Matching Funds for Project in addition to preliminary work.

# Roads & Bridges



Old Biloxi Road Bridge (Federal Bridge Project)



Dantzier Street Bridge (Moss Point)

## 2016 Capital Projects

- 12 Bridge Replacements
- 9 Major Road Improvements

### 2016 Grant, Federal and State Aid Projects

- Yellow Jacket/Old Ft. Bayou Intersection \$2.2M (\$450K\*)
- LeMoynne/Brittany Traffic Light \$400K (\$77K\*)
- Old Spanish Trail (Sidewalk Project) \$950K (\$200K\*)
- Old Biloxi Rd. Bridge \$992K (No JC\$)
- Pascagoula River Audubon Bridge \$1.1M (\$800K\*)

\* County's Matching Funds for Project in addition to preliminary work.

# Road Department Projects

## Future/Ongoing Grant Projects

<b>Gulf Regional Planning Department Grants</b>	• Old Ft. Bayou/Hwy. 609 Intersection Improvements - Engineering Work to be done in 2016	\$2.1M
	• Ocean Springs Road Study (Hwy 90 to Hwy 57)	\$100K
	• Multi-Use Pathway Study (OS to Gautier)	\$85K

*Estimated Costs. Projects included in Four Year Road Plan for FY 2017.*

### LaMotte Bayou Bridge Replacement

- On Graveline Road in Gautier
- Accepted to Federally funded Bridge Replacement Program
- Estimated cost: \$3M
- Engineering to begin in 2016



# Park Improvements

## The JC Recreation Department Manages

24 Public Boat Ramps, 3 Public Beaches, 12 Community Parks, Vanleave Horse Arena and Whispering Pines Golf Course

<b>Park Improvements</b>	<b>\$88k</b>
Buddy Davis (Restroom Facilities)	\$25k
Franklin Creek (Basketball Court)	\$13k
Khayat (Amp theater/drainage)	\$50k

<b>Ballfield Improvements</b>	<b>\$90k</b>
Helena, Lum Cumbest, St. Martin, & Vanleave Parks (backstops)	\$68k
Vanleave Softball (parking/fields)	\$22k



Vanleave Park Splash Pad

### In 2015...

Vanleave (Splash Pad)

Lum Cumbest (Parking Lot Imp.)

Lum Cumbest, Vanleave, St. Martin, Helena (2) (backstops)

# Special On-Going Rec Projects

## Vancleave Horse Arena RV Complex (EDI Grant - \$190K)

- Site Water & Sewer almost complete (pressure test)

## LeMoyne Soccer (\$450K to date)

- Continued Field Work (lighting, irrigation, sodding)
- Concession Stands (\$30K)

## Whispering Pines Golf Course

- Future New Club House (capital project)
- Irrigation Controls and Mowers (\$106K)



*Whispering Pines Club House Rendering*

# Small Craft Harbor



## Harbor Boat Launch - \$100K

- Rebuilding boat ramps and finger piers (Road Dept.)
- Completion late March

## Roadway Improvements

- Working with City of OS
- Completion late March

## Inner Harbor Park Improvements

**Bank Stabilization** (Pat Harrison Waterway)

**\$137K** (\$112K\*)

**Recreational Trails** (Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks)

**\$102K**(\$36K\*)

*\* County's Matching Funds for Project*

# Boat Launches



*Bellview Bayou Boat Launch (Moss Point)*

## 2015 Completed Project

Bellview Bayou Boat Launch \$80K

## 2016 Projects

Harbor in Ocean Springs	\$100k
Highway 63 (Engineering)	\$65k
I-10 (Engineering)	\$60k
Bayou Cumbest Boat Launch	\$140k*
LeMoyné Blvd. (Kayak/pkg lot)	\$50k*

\* County's Match for these grant funded projects

## 2016 Requested Tidelands Funds: \$1.03M

*Pascagoula Bulkhead Improvements  
Bayou Cumbest (Phase II)  
Ft. Bayou improvements*

# Dredging Projects

## Completed in 2015

- Bayou Chicot
- Vaughndale Bayou
- Cedar Point Bayou
- Sandalwood Bayou
- Starks Bayou
- Lake Mars
- Ocean Springs Harbor
- Simmons Bayou
- Bellview Bayou\*

## Under Contract/In Progress\*\*

- Graveline Bayou\*\*
- Upper Davis Bayou\*\*
- Fort Bayou
- Keiffer Bayou
- Moreton Bayou
- Lake Yazoo\* (w/ Pasc.)\*\*

## Ready to Bid (Feb)

- St. Martin Bayou

**Total of 15 Hurricane Recovery**  
\$14 Million in 2014-2016  
(County \$3M – FEMA/State \$11M)



**Working on  
County-Wide Drainage Study  
for 2016**

\* Not Hurricane Recovery Funded

# Disaster Related Fund Requests

## National Disaster Resilience Competition (US Dept. of HUD)

- JC has requested **\$135M** in proposed projects
- JC was **one of six applicants** in the State to advance to Phase 2 of the process

## Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill/BP Funding

### \$2.4 Million

Lost tax revenue claim  
Awarded July 2015

**\$10.2 Million** RESTORE Act Funds  
for I-10 Connector Road  
Announced in Jan. 2016

### **Request for % of State's Economic Damages Settlement**

*On Jan. 19, 2016 the JC BOS signed a resolution requesting Legislature to appropriate 80% of the State's \$750M settlement to **Coastal Counties** to be used for strategic economic development.*

# Sheriff's Department/ADC



**October 29, 2015 Ribbon Cutting**  
**Bruce W. Evans - Jackson County Adult Detention Center**  
*Named in honor of the only Jackson County Deputy to die in the line of duty.*



*One of the ADC Day Rooms*

## FY 2016 Budget

- Sheriff's Office \$10.3M
- ADC \$6.6M
- Sheriff's Vehicles (15) \$350k  
(Capital Expense – not out of Sheriff's Budget)

# JC Civic Center



*Under Renovation*

## Exterior Renovations – In Progress

- \$1.45M Contract
- Brick exterior with new windows and doors
- New roof
- New awning on east end
- New receptacles and fixtures

## Completely Renovated Bathrooms

- East Entrance \$40K – completed in 2015
- South Entrance \$80K – budgeted for 2016
- Work completed by JC Maintenance Dept.



*Renovated East Bathroom*

# Construction Partnerships



*Ribbon Cutting for EJC Surface Water Treatment Plant  
December 2015*

## Water Treatment Plant in NE JC

- \$11M Class A Water Supply Plant
- EPA funded with County match
- Produces .75M gallons per day
- Expandable to 3M gallons per day
- Groundbreaking – March 20, 2014
- **Completion – December 2015**

## Big Hill Acres Water & Sewer Project

- \$20.6 Million to serve 850 customers
- JC Utility Authority (\$3.9M)
- US Army Corp of Engineers
- USDA Rural Development
- Big Hill Acres, Inc.
- 95% Complete (Spring 2015)

## LaPointe Krebs House Rehabilitation

- \$770K for Phases 1-3
- *Funding Source: MS Dept. of Archives & History Grant and LaPointe Krebs Foundation*

# Information Systems

## IT - Virtual Desktop Infrastructure/Remote Desktop Services Project

### VDI/RDS Benefits

- Improve Efficiency/ User Mobility
- Minimize Downtime
- Maximize Productivity
- Enhanced Disaster Recovery
- Software Compliancy
- Better Security
- Reduce Paper Usage
- Improved On-Line Services

### PHASE I: Upgrade Data Center (near completion)

- New Server and Storage Systems - private cloud
- New Network Core
- Multiple Backup Locations
- Converting to Microsoft Office 365

### PHASE II: Transition Users to Cloud Infrastructure

- Building Desktop Virtualization – to allow users access to files and software anywhere on any device

### FUTURE: Enterprise Content Management and Resource Planning

- On-Line Access/Transparency of Large Data Files - Financials, Board Minutes & Agendas

## GIS - Upgraded Geographical Information System Website

New mobile-friendly version of the web mapping service provides greater ease of use when accessing from the field.

# Fire Prevention District

## Lowering Fire Insurance Classification

Documentation of Required Training and Equipment Maintenance  
Development of Pre-Fire Plans of Commercial Buildings

**St. Martin Fire Grading District**  
Class 7 to 6  
Insurance Rates to drop 2-3%



**Latimer Fire Grading District**  
Class 8 to 7  
Insurance Rates to drop 5-10%

## Escatawpa Fire Prevention District

Recently taken over by JC. Working on lowering classification.

## 6 Fire Departments Responded to 3,000+ Calls in 2015

Structural/Vehicle/Brush Fires, Smoke Scares/Fire Alarms  
Assistance to EMS, Vehicle Accidents, Spills/Leaks and Other Public Service

# Recycling



## Recycling Program

- Larger Rolling Carts
- 2-in-1 Containers
- Recycling at JC Fair



## Jackson County Landfill

- **Free to JC Residents**
- Recycles: Metal, Tires, White Goods, Cardboard, Electronics, White Goods



**HHW Collection Day  
April 23, 2016**

## Community Events

- Clean-ups
- Educational Events
- HHW Collection Day
- Business E-Waste Day

## Recycling Highlights & Numbers

- **6.8%** Curbside Recycling Rates
- **\$17,620** Generated via Landfill Recycling Program
- **\$87,970** in MDEQ Grant Reimbursements
- **1,000** cars served at Household Hazardous Waste Day

# Animal Shelter

## *Improved Experience*

For the past two years, the County has continued to improve the shelter experience for both the animals and potential adopters.

## 2016 Budgeted Items

Architectural Plan Design	\$125k
Relocation/Reno. of Metal Bldg.	\$ 45k

## Programs & Services

- Foster Program
- Volunteer Program
- Off-Site Adoption Events
- \$15 Micro-chipping Service
- \$50 Adoption Fees Incl.
  - Spay/Neuter
  - Deworming
  - Initial Vaccination
  - Rabies Vaccination
  - Free Name Tag



*New Transport Van for Off-Site Adoption Events  
Purchased with Donated Funds*

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## Supported Services

- Health Department
- MGCCC
- Library System
- JC Utility Authority
- DHS
- Civic Action
- Port of Pascagoula
- SR Health System
- SR Mental Health



# Economic Development

## Huntington Ingalls

Largest employer in JC (12,117)  
 \$735M in new contracts in FY'15  
 \$7B in current backlog

**Chevron Pascagoula Refinery**  
 Major Player in Energy

## MGCCC

Engineering Classes in JC  
 Began in Fall 2015  
 Workforce Development

## Trent Lott International Airport

Runway Improvements (with FAA and State)  
 Enhancement of Economic Development Efforts

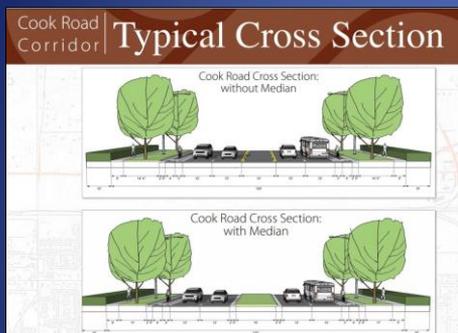


Highway 611 Flyover – Completed in 2015  
 Improved railroad crossings and several intersections  
 Widened Hwy 611 to 5 Lanes

### Sales Revenue Diversion for TIF Request

On Jan. 19, 2016 the JC BOS signed a resolution requesting Legislature amend Sec 27-65-75, MS Code of 1972 to allow counties to receive 18.5% of sales tax revenue on business activities within a TIF District (\$10M+ investment), to be used for County debts caused by related development. **Cities already receive this.**

# Cook Road/I-10 Corridor Connector



## Preliminary Work Near Completion

- Environmental Assessment
- ROW 92% Complete
- Preliminary Engineering
- Funded through \$8.3M in Federal Earmarks & Local Match Funds

## Benefits

- Improved System Continuity
- Reduced Traffic Congestion
- Enhanced Safety for Drivers
- Increased Accessibility of Developable Land

## CONSTRUCTION COST

PHASE	COST
1 – Mallett Rd to Thomas St	\$10M
2 – Cook Rd to Seaman Rd	\$6M
3 – Thomas St to Cook Rd	\$4.5M
Total	\$20.5M

\$10.2M in RESTORE Act Funds will be used to fund Phase 1 of construction – to begin late 2016

# Port of Pascagoula

## VT Halter Marine Ship Repair/Overhaul Facility

- \$22 Million - CDBG
- Completed in 2015

## VT Halter Marine Expansion Blast/Paint Facility

- \$2 Million – CDBG
- \$7 Million Match
- 40 FT Jobs Created
- Advertise Bids in March 2016



## Signet Maritime

- \$3.6 million – CDBG
- Phase I & II Complete:  
Environmental slab and Fabrication hall
- Phase III – Complete Feb 2016  
River Bulkhead Improvements

## Railroad Interchange Relocation/Shed Demo

- \$14 Million – USDOT TIGER Grant/\$4 Million Local
- Move from DT Pascagoula to east of MS Hwy 63
- Remove 16 Crossings in Moss Point & Pascagoula
- Advertising for bulkhead Repairs to Terminal E/F
- In Progress: Engineering/Design/CSX Negotiations

## Export Facility Expansion

- \$30 Million
- Wood Pellet Plant to Export  
500K tons of pellets/yr

## New Cargo/Imported Pipe

- 3 shipments of coated pipe from India
- 25K tons of cargo to be discharged at South Terminal

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