Opinion: Drawing a line in the sand against government overreach

With the statewide political campaigns gearing up, we are sure to hear often this year from candidates who say they want to stop government overreach from stifling small businesses, innovative startup companies, and job creation in Mississippi. This is a worthy goal. But some may wonder, exactly what does this kind of government overreach look like? Where do we draw the line between the proper role of government and unnecessary government interference?

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understand: a drawing of the function of government. described property lines on a map.

And they want it. Nobody is of government overreach. getting duped.

ment decided it needed to stop The Mississippi Justice Instithese transactions between a



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willing seller and willing, satisfied customers. The Mississippi Board of Licensure for To find the answer, we need Professional Engineers and only look to the travails of an Surveyors sued Vizaline. The innovative technology startup government board claimed line. Two Mississippi busi- licensed surveying." It asked and ideas together to offer line, and to force them to hand something new. Brent Melton over all the money they have

Vizaline fought back. It obthey needed a way to under- tained legal representation stand the boundary lines of from the Institute for Justice smaller properties they fi- and filed its own lawsuit, arnanced. For these smaller guing that the government's loans, surveys were neither actions were unconstitutional. required nor financially fea- Everyone in America has the sible. Scott Dow had spent right to free speech, including two decades working with the right to take existing, pubgeospatial remote sensing and licly available information, 3D computer modeling and he and create a new representaknew how to make this idea a tion of that same information. Moreover, the government Together, they created soft- board - which is composed ware that could take a proper- entirely of licensed surveyors ties' publicly available legal and engineers - is not trying description - which is just to protect the public. It is trycryptic words on paper gen- ing to protect its own industry erated by professionally li- from competition. Unfortucensed surveyors - and turn nately, for the board, that is it into something anyone can not a constitutionally valid

While Vizaline's lawsuit was still ongoing, the Missis-Vizaline does not conduct sippi legislature had an opporsurveys. It does not hold itself tunity to stop this government out as a professional surveyor. overreach. A bill introduced It simply takes information al- last session would have clariready generated by surveyors fied that the Mississippi Board and puts it into a more user- of Licensure for Professional friendly format. Vizaline only Engineers and Surveyors does sells its services to small com- not have the authority to stop munity banks who need and companies like Vizaline from want a more cost-effective and doing business in our state. user-friendly way to under- The legislature missed that opstand the properties they are portunity, which is disappointfinancing. These are sophisti- ing, given how many of our cated customers. They know elected officials campaigned exactly what they are getting. on stopping exactly this type

Vizaline is currently appeal-Nevertheless, the govern- ing its case in federal court. tute joined the Cato Institute

file a legal brief supporting Vizaline's case, and urging the court to uphold all Mississippians' right to disseminate public information, and to do business free from unnecessary government interference.

So where is the line between proper exercises of government power and government overreach? While the government tries to stop it from drawing lines on paper, Vizaline has drawn a new line in the sand against government overreach. Broadly enforcing vague laws simply to protect industry insiders from competition with new, innovative competitors is not a valid function of government. The Mississippi Justice Institute is proud to stand with Vizaline, and would be proud to stand with any Mississippian facing similar government overreach.

Aaron Rice is the Director of the Mississippi Justice Institute, the legal arm of the Mississippi Center for Public Policy.



May 14, 2018 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-ING FOR FY2019-2020 PROPOSED BUD-GET FOR HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLI-DATED SCHOOL DISTRICT Thursday June 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Holmes County Consolidated School District Central Office Board Room, 313 Olive Street, Lexington, MS 39095. The Holmes County Consolidated School District will hold a public hear ing on the FY2019-2020 proposed budget. Open Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. 5-23.30:6-6b

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE S SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY HOLMES WHEREAS, default has OF occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 4, 2004, executed by CAROL RATLIFF, DANNY RAY RATLIFF conveying certain real property therein de-scribed to EMMETT JAMES HOUSE OR BILL R. MCLAUGHLIN, as Trustee, for UNION PLANTERS BANK, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi filed and recorded Octo-ber 8, 2004, in Deed Book 2004, Page 3547 ; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and as-signed to REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANTERS BANK N.A.; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trust-ee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on June 20, 2019 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to ell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hol-mes County, Mississippi, to wit: THE FOL-LOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY OF MISSISSIPPI, TO-WIT: FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SE-1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH and the Pelican Institute to RANGE 1 EAST, RUN SOUTH 1 DEGREE 51 MINUTES EAST 598.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH assessed \$163,000 in interest DEGREE 51 MINUTES EAST 210 FEET THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 9 MIN-UTES EAST 210 FEET; THENCE NORTH The mayor wasn't in office 1 DEGREE 51 MINUTES WEST 210 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 9 MINthen and says she doesn't UTES WEST 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CLOSE, AND CON-TAINING 1.012 ACRES IN THE NW-1/4 OF know why the payments SE-1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST. PROPERTY AD-Peterson says the town has DRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 3505 HOLEMAN ROAD, CRUGER, MS 38924. In the event of any debt, but says the IRS has discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. Title to the above described property is believed to proved her request to form be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107 Oxford, MS 38655 rlselaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (404) 601-5846 PUB-LISH: 05/23/2019, 05/30/2019, 06/06/2019, 06/13/2019 Ad #156839 05/23/2019, 05/30/2019, 06/06/2019, 06/13/2019 5-23,30;6-6,13b



IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNY F. SMITH, SR., DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2017-0105 ANNIE LOU SMITH. PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HOLMES TO ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF KENNY

F. SMITH, SR., DECEASED, WHOSE NAMES, POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY: You have been made a Respondent in the Chancery Court of Holmes County, Mis sissippi, by Annie Lou Smith and Keynetta Smith, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Kenny F. Smith, Sr., Deceased, seeking a

determination of the heirs-at-law of Kenny F. Smith, Sr., Deceased. You are summoned to appear and de-

fend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed against you in this action at

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE S SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HOLMES WHEREAS, default has oc curred in the performance of the covenants terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 1, 2011, executed by FRED-DIE MCKAY, MAUDIE MCKAY, conveying certain real property therein described to STEWART TITLE COMPANY OF MISSIS SIPPI, as Trustee, for REVERSE MORT-GAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County Mississippi filed and recorded July 11, 2011, in Deed Book 2011, Page 2683 and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and as-signed to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee: and NOW. THEREFORE the holder of said Deed of Trust, having re quested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on May 30, 2019 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described prop erty situated in Holmes County, Mississippi wit: THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MISSIS SIPPI, COUNTY OF HOLMES, AND IS DE-SCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT AN IRON PINS 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS W FROM THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TI3N R1E, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THENCE S 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 840.94 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON A FENCE LINE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 368.74 FEET, ALONG SAID LINE TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WEST 117.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON A FENCE LINE THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 08 MIN UTES 19 SECONDS WEST 369.09 FEET ALONG SAID LINE, TO A POINT ON A FENCE LINE, THENCE SOUTH 89 DE-GREES 49 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 118.98 FEET, ALONG SAID LINE, TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGIN NING CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS IN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. AND COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN LOCAT ED 1078.78 FEET SOUTH 1 DEGREES, 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 05 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 11.81 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 0 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 05 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 468.48 FEET TO A METAL FENCE POST: THENCE RUN S 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 36 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 361.59 FEET TO AN 8 INCH FENCE POST; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 38 SEC ONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 361.53 FEET TO AN IRON PIN' THENCE RUN N 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 361.57 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN N 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E FOR A DIS-TANCE OF 327.14 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE EBENEZER-COXBURG ROAD: THENCE RUN ALONG SAID ROAD BOUNDARY N 68 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 09 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 387.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CON-TAINING 6.29 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SITUATED IN THE E 1/2 OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 11, T13N, R1E, HOLMES COUNTY, MIS-SISSIPPI. PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 7930 EBENEZER COXBURG RD., LEX-INGTON, MS 39095. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE 428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107 Oxford MS 38655 rlselaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (404) 601-5846 PUB-LISH: 05/02/2019, 05/09/2019, 05/16/2019, 05/23/2019, Ad #155562 05/02/2019, 05/09/2019, 05/09/2019, 05/23/2019 5-2.9.16.23b

9:00 o'clock A.M. on June 19, 2019, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE courtroom of the Honorable Robert George Clark, III, Chancellor in the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, located ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF Canton, Mississippi, to show cause, if any CLAIBORNE DAVENPORT, DECEASED why the relief sought in said Petition should not be granted by the Court

Failure to appear at the time and place mentioned herein may result in a judgment against you for the relief demanded in said Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you wish ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL

OF SAID COURT, this, the 13 day of May, 2019. HENRY LUCKETT. CLERK

HOLMES COUNTY CHANCERY COURT By: /s/ Charlie Luckett D.C DEREK L. HALL, PC

1911 Dunbarton Drive Jackson, Mississippi 39216 Phone: (601) 202-2222 Fax: (601) 981-4717 5-16,23,30b

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS aled, written formal bid proposals the following Project's bid proposals will be received by: City Clerk of the City of Durant, Mississippi, at the City Hall, 385 Mulberry Street, Durant, MS 39063 until 2:00 P.M (Local Prevailing Time) Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud Alterations & Addition to

HUNTER ENGINEERING COMPANY 33814 Hunter Blvd. Durant, MS 39063

A Pre-Bid Conference cond ning the project will be held at the site, on Thursday, June 13, 2019, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is nonmandatory for those contractors desiring to submit bids on the Project. Your attendance at the pre-bid is strongly suggested.

The **City of Durant** reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities, also to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved, for forty-five (45) calen dar days from the date the bids are opened

The successful bidder must comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) CDBG regulations governing the grant require that, to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for contracting, subcontract-ing, training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG project will be extended to Section 3 businesses and Sec tion 3 residents.

Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and/or supply needs

The City of Durant is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and hereby notifies al bidders will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invita tion and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual preference, marital or veteran status, or any othe legally protected status in consideration for an award.

The successful bidder must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act which requires that all laborers and mechanics shall be paid at rates not less than those determined by the Department of Labor to be prevailing for the locality in which the project is located.

It is NOTED the funding for this Project from several sources and applies to various segments of specific areas of construction. This requirement will be addressed in SECTION 01 02 70 – APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT. Specifically, the Schedule of Values will be subdivided by the items of Work which applies to the various sources of fundina.

EXAMINĂTION OF DOCUMENTS

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and open to public inspec-tion at Brumfield, Ward & Associates, 1050 Northpark Drive, Suite C, Ridgeland MS of the CITY of DURANT, 385 Mulberry Street Durant, MS 39063 along with various Cor tractor Plan Room Service Providers. PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS

UPON REQUEST; Copies of Proposa detailed specifications, drawings, and other contract documents may be ob

BRUMFIELD WARD & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, PA 1050 Northpark Drive, Suite C,

Ridgeland MS 39157 601.982.0341 try@tcrarch

believed to be non-residents of the State of Mississippi, who are not to be found in this state on diligent search and inquiry by Successor Executrix and whose whereabouts, place of abode, and post of-fice address are unknown to Plaintiff after

having made diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same, but whose last know address was not believed to be in the State of Mississippi. You have been named an heir in th

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HOLMES

TO: Clyde McCair

Charlie Logan

Lola Logan

Mattie Logan

Jake Logan

Scott Bell III

Libby Miles

Crystal Miles

/alda Jones

Dywler Jones

Joe Logan, Jr

Jerry Logan Lorenzo Logan

Katrina Davenport

Dwayne Davenport

Delexter Smallwood

Annetta Smallwood

David Wayne Smal

Johnny Smallwood

Farline Walton

Odesser Logan Gilbert

Patricia Bell Tripp

CIVIL ACTION,

FILE NO. 18-00102

Petition filed in this Court by Joyce Logar Hurley, Successor Executrix, seeking to sel real property owned by the Estate of Clai borne Davenport, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and de fend against said Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock A.M .. on the 20th day of June, 2019, at the Holmes County Chancery Courthouse, Lexington Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be en-tered against you for the things demanded in the Petition

You are not required to file an answe or other pleading but you may do so if you desire

Issued under my hand and official seal of said Court, this the 13th day of May, 2019. HENRY LUCKETT

HOLMES COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK By: /s/ Charlie Luckett D. C

JIM ARNOLD 435 East Beacon Street Philadephia, MS 39350 Telephone: 601 -656-6914 . acsimile: 601-656-6958 E-Mail: jarnoldlawoffice@att.net

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SKL INVESTMENTS INC PLAINTIFF CAUSE NO. 18-0143

WILLIE BLUE; BRENDA JACKSON; MARY SMITH OR THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY SMITH; WILLIE LEE BROWN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TOMMIE D WASHINGTON a/k/a TOMMIE D BROWN; VERA J. BLUE; ESSIE M BLUE; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHNNY BLUE, JR.; STATE OF MISSIS-SIPPI: HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI: DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HOL MES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPO RATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 27, 2007, PARCEL NO. 0091500700, NW ¼ OF NW ¼, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND DOES 1-75 DEFENDANTS INCLUSIVE

SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: MARY SMITH OR THE UNKNOWN

HEIRS OF MARY SMITH You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by SKL Investme Inc., Plaintiff, seeking the Court to confirm the tax sale of property in Holmes County Mississippi (the "Property"). Defendants other than you in this action are Willie Blue Brenda Jackson; Willie Lee Brown; The Unknown Heirs of Tommie D. Washington A/K/A Tommie D. Brown; Vera J. Blue; Es

and penalties.

Deita town seeks private donations **Associated Press**

weren't made. A Mississippi Delta town government is seeking pri- made two offers to settle the vate donations to pay off nearly \$350,000 in tax debt rejected both. Aldermen apand penalties.

The Bolivar Commercial a fundraising committee to reports Mound Bayou May- seek private donations for or Eulah Peterson told al- debt repayment.

dermen on Tuesday that the The mayor says the town city failed to pay \$182,000 is also seeking help from in federal payroll taxes from its congressional represen-2010 to 2016. Since then, the tatives and is soliciting free Internal Revenue Service has legal aid.

Requestor: Please provide: Company Name; Contact Person and Telephone; Physical Address: Email Address and Certificate of Responsibility (COR) num

The complete set of documents is available to potential bidders at no charge via a DropBox link. The Architect will respond with instructions to access the DropBox link.

Printed copies or documents on CD are available by contacting Micro Printing and Blueprint, Jackson, MS at (601) 355-9543 and arranging payment directly to them Printed or CD copies are not required to be returned, and payment to the printer is non refundable. An estimated cost of \$150.00 is required for full-size documents

Bid documents are On File at the follow ing locations: Associated Builders & Contractors

4200 Old Brandon Road Jackson MS 39232 Associated General Contractors 2093 Lakeland Drive Jackson MS 39206 BID SECURITY:

Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond Certified Check or Cashier's Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid shall be furnished by each bidder as required by the Contract Documents, submitted as outlined herein.

sie M. Blue; The Unknown Heirs of Johnny Blue, Jr.; State of Mississippi; Holmes County, Mississippi; District Attorney for Holmes County, Mississippi; and all other Persons, Firms and Corporations. You are required to mail or hand deliv

a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Andrew Ham-mond, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Young Wells Williams P.A., Post Office Box 6005, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158 or 141 Township Avenue, Suite 300, Ridge-land, Mississippi 39157. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED

OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIR (30) DAYS AFTER THE 16 DAY OF MA 2019 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGEMENT BY DE FAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Re sponse with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 8th day of May 2019.

HENRY LUCKETT, CHANCERY CLERK HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: Charlie Luckett, D.C 5-16,23,30b

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