

Governor Reeves names appointments for the Mississippi Flag Commission

Press Release

On Friday, July 24, Governor Tate Reeves announced his appointees for the Mississippi Flag Commission to redesign the new state flag: a civic leader, a tribal chief, and a business leader.

Signing House Bill 1796 at a bill signing ceremony on June 30, the Mississippi Flag Commission was established to redesign the state flag for voters to decide on in November. Under the bill, the Governor had to choose his appointees from the Mississippi Arts Commission, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and the Mississippi Economic Council.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History: Betsy Hamilton is a retired public school teacher, real estate

broker and appraiser. With a strong passion for preserving Mississippi's history while creating a brighter future for our state, Hamilton currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Union County Heritage Museum and as a member of the Commission on the Future of Northeast Mississippi. She has previously served as a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Union County Historical Society and the Tanglefoot Trail. Having been a Trustee for the New Albany Public School District and a member of the Advisory Council for the New Albany Boys and Girls Club, Hamilton is committed to ensuring the best education and futures for our children.

Mississippi Economic Council: Tribal Chief Cyrus

Ben is the fifth democratically elected Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Having been officially sworn into office on July 9, 2019, making history as the youngest chief, Chief Ben is guided in his leadership and service to the Choctaw people by five key initiatives: respect of others, fairness and equality to all, accountability in all areas, efficiency in practices in addition to the support and appreciation of all employees

and Tribal members. Chief Ben feels strongly about educating and mentoring our youth and shows this by being actively involved within his community. A life-long resident of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Chief Ben and his wife TaRita raise their children, Brodie, Eden and Selah in the Pearl River community.

Mississippi Arts Commission: Frank Bordeaux currently serves as Vice Presi-

dent, Property and Casualty for BXS Insurance in Mississippi, which he originally joined in 2007 as an insurance producer. His primary focus is public sector business, Department of Defense contractors, and large hospitality risk. Bordeaux has been involved with numerous civic and nonprofit organizations over the years, including serving on the Gulfport Youth Sports Association, as a past Board Member of Feed

My Sheep Soup Kitchen, and as a past Board Member of Lynn Meadows Discovery Center. Some of his professional affiliations include The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers, Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, and Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi. A life-long Mississippian, Bordeaux and his wife, Jacqueline, have four sons, Miles, Hudson, Jack Fisher, and Frank.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE YAZOO MISSISSIPPI DELTA LEVEE DISTRICT

The Board of Levee Commissioners for the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District (the "Levee Board") will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2020-2021 on August 13, 2020 at 1:00 o'clock P.M., at 140 Delta Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614.

The Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$ 3,817,631.00 (58.04 percent) or \$ 2,215,780.00 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$ 3,824,029.00. Of that amount (57.94 percent) or \$ 2,215,780.00 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision by the Levee Board to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2020-21 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes assessed by the Levee Board on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2020-21.

Any citizen of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2020-21 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken. However, because of the COVID pandemic, all persons attending the meeting will be required to wear a facial mask or suitable covering and comply with any restrictions and conditions imposed to protect the health and safety of persons in attendance.

Man drowns helping get two children to shore in Milwaukee

Associated Press

A 19-year-old man has drowned while trying to help get two family members to shore at McKinley Beach in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County sheriff's authorities said.

Sheriff's office spokesman Scott Stiff said deputies were called around 8:45 p.m. Saturday about a person in distress in the water. Stiff told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* that Jvarius

Bankhead was wading in the water with two young relatives when they started having difficulty getting to shore due to the size of the waves.

Bankhead was able to get one of the children to shore safely. The other child was able to make it to shore, but Bankhead was swept under the water. He was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. Both of the children were unhurt.

Funeral held for rescue leader who drowned while saving son

Associated Press

A funeral was held Sunday for a Mississippi sheriff's deputy who drowned while saving his 10-year-old son at a Florida beach.

William Nichols, who died Wednesday in Walton County, Florida, was director of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Unit for the past seven years. That means Nichols often directed efforts to pluck people from the Mississippi River or the county's lakes.

Nichols swam out and saved his son from a rip current, but was pulled back out into the Gulf of Mexico amid strong winds and waves. He died at a Florida hospital. The 33-year-old's death brought shock in suburban

DeSoto County just south of Memphis, Tennessee.

"We are diminished. We miss him already. You can see obviously he was someone who was loved and we will honor him and his legacy," said Desoto County Chief Deputy Justin Smith, who escorted Nichols' body home, told WHBQ-TV. Smith worked under Nichols for a time.

"He saved his own son, I don't know how many people could do something like that," said Jerald Wheeler, a DeSoto deputy and Nichols' uncle. "He knew the dangers of it because of his training in swift water rescue."

Nichols' father had also directed the search and rescue team, and Nichols began tagging along on missions as a boy.