

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Intended for the 7-30-20 edition:

Young Jay Higginbotham of Clinton stayed over for an extended visit after an overnight visit from Shirley, his mother, Hill Higginbotham. She left behind a nice, hairy and trained dog she had bought. She is a very good and thoughtful daughter. Jay stayed for a long visit.

Joey Hill and Mark Underwood visited a Jackson doctor Monday because of Mark's crippled knees. He will have to be more careful. Sure hope he will be feeling better very soon.

I, for one, am very glad that Brother Ed McDaniel is to return shortly to preach, if possible, at First Baptist Church. He has undergone surgery since the virus came so it wouldn't have been possible for him to preach here for several Sundays even if the virus has been the only obstacle. He underwent major surgery. Let's be prayerful that he and Libby may be here well and for an extended stay. They are loved very much in our town. May God bless and give healing to you.

This town has been even

more dead for some weeks now while the churches are closed. I was sure two or three weeks ago the sickness was getting better; but, it turned on everyone and was worse again. I am so very thankful that there has been pretty close to being very few real sick in Holmes County. Thank you Lord for his care and healing. May all who have suffered be well very soon. Thanks for His care and blessings.

Jodi and Derek May and three children will be unable to return to the mission field at this time after and

during the virus sickness. He will be teaching school near their home in Ackerman. We (the family) are praying for God's leadership in their and our lives.

It has been good to have Sid Vaughn with us to bring the message for several Sundays at First Baptist Church. A small crowd is attending but at least we haven't missed very many services. He is a Durant native and we still like to claim the Vaughn family. We miss so many of our former members at church and in the community. Thank you Sid for time spent with us.

I guess all who have visited our town in the last few months have noticed the many torn down and empty houses. It makes me a little sad. I noticed there have been some that needed it but did

not get torn down. It probably will look better but its still sad to think of those who have gone on and now the homes are also gone. Wish it was possible to fix all that's left and somehow could fix them. Many of us love and look forward to more years ahead in the homes left.

I am trying to have a column for the Durant News but it seems lacking. Most of the clubs and some meetings don't meet anymore. We need more stores for shopping. Let's work together and keep the town friendly and looking as good as possible.

Mrs. Lynn Farmer Marchant of Winona, Mrs. Shirley Hill Higginbotham of Clinton, Mrs. Judy Farmer Hathcock and Mrs. Rowena Aldy Hill enjoyed a long, interesting ride Saturday to old

"famous and former" places. Then later lunch was enjoyed at French Camp Saturday night. We were joined by their husbands. All enjoyed the time together.

Mrs. David (Rita) Rodgers and her sisters enjoyed time together last weekend.

LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD ALAN BROWN, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 20-002
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been issued on July 27, 2020 to the undersigned as Executrix of the above estate by the Chancery Court of Holmes County, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to file the same with the Clerk of said Court for probate and allowance as required by law within ninety (90) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the same will be forever barred.
THIS 27th day of July, 2020.
TRACIE DICKERSON
EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD ALAN BROWN, DECEASED
E. BARRY BRIDGFORTH
HENRY, BARBOUR, DECELL & BRIDGFORTH, LTD
117 E. Jefferson St.
P. O. Box 1569
Yazoo City, MS 39194
Telephone: (662) 746-2134
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NOTICE OF BOND SALE \$400,000

GENERAL OBLIGATION ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS SERIES 2020

OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICT FOUR HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Sealed proposals will be received by the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi, at her address, 2 Court Square, Lexington, Mississippi 39095, until the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on August 17, 2020 at which time said bids will be opened and read by the Chancery Clerk or the County Administrator, said bids will be presented to the Board of Supervisors of the County, acting for and on behalf of Supervisor District Four of Holmes County, Mississippi (the "Governing Body" of the "County" acting for and on behalf of the "District") at a regular meeting to be held at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on August 17, 2020, at which time said bids will be awarded, for the purchase in its entirety, at not less than par and accrued interest to the date of delivery thereof, of an issue of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) principal amount General Obligation Road and Bridge Bonds, Series 2020, of the District (the "Bonds").

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery thereof, will be delivered in the denomination of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) each, or integral multiples thereof up to the amount of a single maturity, will be numbered from one upward; and will be issued in fully registered form; and will bear interest from the date thereof at the rate or rates offered by the successful bidder in its bid, payable on March 1 and September 1 in each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing September 1, 2021. The Bonds will mature serially on September 1 in each year and in the principal amounts as follows:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2021	\$100,000
2022	100,000
2023	100,000
2024	100,000

Interest will be calculated using a 360-day year based on twelve 30 day months.

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated dates of maturity, at any time, at par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The Governing Body, for and on behalf of the District, will appoint the Paying and Transfer Agent for the Bonds after receiving the recommendation of the successful bidder subject to the following conditions. The Paying and Transfer Agent shall be a bank or trust company located within the State of Mississippi or may be the Chancery Clerk of the County. The County anticipates the Chancery Clerk of the County will serve as the Paying Agent and Transfer Agent. The Paying Agent and/or Transfer Agent shall be subject to change by order of the Governing Body under the conditions and in the manner provided in the Bond Resolution under which the Bonds are issued.

The successful bidder must deliver to the Transfer Agent within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, or at such other later date as may be designated by the District, the names and addresses of the Registered Owners of the Bonds and the denominations in which the Bonds of each maturity are to be issued. If the successful bidder fails to submit such information to the Transfer Agent by the required time, one bond may be issued for each maturity in the full amount maturing on that date registered in the name of the successful bidder.

Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft mailed on the Interest Payment Date to Registered Owners of the Bonds as of the 15th day of the month preceding the maturity date for such principal or interest payment at the addresses appearing in the registration records of the District maintained by the Transfer Agent. Payment of principal at maturity shall be conditioned on the presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the principal office of the Transfer Agent.

The Bonds will be transferable only upon the records of the District maintained by the Transfer Agent.

The Bonds shall not bear a greater overall maximum interest rate to maturity than eleven percent (11%) per annum, and shall mature in the amounts and on the dates hereinabove set forth; no Bond shall bear more than one (1) rate of interest; each Bond shall bear interest from its date to its stated maturity date at the interest rate or rates specified in the bid; all Bonds of the same maturity shall bear the same rate of

interest from date to maturity. The lowest interest rate specified shall not be less than seventy percent (70%) of the highest interest rate specified; each interest rate specified must be an even multiple of one-eighth of one percent (1/8 of 1%) or one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) and a zero rate cannot be named. The interest rate for any one maturity shall not exceed eleven percent (11%) per annum.

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of providing funds for (i) constructing, reconstructing, and repairing roads, highways and bridges, and acquiring the necessary land, including land for building materials, and rights-of-way therefor, including rights-of-way therefor for constructing and equipping walking trails, public parks and recreation facilities beside District roads within the District; and the purchase of heavy construction equipment and accessories thereto reasonably required to construct, repair and renovate roads, highways and bridges and approaches thereto within the District; and for related purposes and other authorized purposes under Section 19-9-1 through 19-9-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time, Sections 17-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and Sections 55-9-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (together, the "Act"), and (ii) paying costs of issuance for the Bonds (together, the "Project").

The Bonds are general obligations of the District secured by the full faith, credit and resources of the District and are payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate or amount upon the taxable property within the geographical limits of the District. The County, acting for and on behalf of the District, will levy annually a special tax upon all taxable property within the geographical limits of the District adequate and sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as the same falls due.

The District will designate the Bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning and for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Proposals should be addressed to the Board of Supervisors of the County, c/o Charlie Luckett, Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi, at her address of 2 Court Square, Lexington, Mississippi 39095 and should be plainly marked "Proposal for General Obligation Road and Bridge Bonds, Series 2020, of Supervisor District Four of Holmes County, Mississippi," and should be filed with the Chancery Clerk of the County on or prior to the date and hour hereinabove named.

Each bid must be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, or exchange, issued or certified by a bank located in the State of Mississippi, payable to Supervisor District Four of Holmes County, Mississippi, in the amount of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) as a guaranty that the bidder will carry out its contract and purchase the Bonds if its bid be accepted. If the successful bidder fails to purchase the Bonds pursuant to its bid and contract, then the amount of such good faith check shall be retained by the District as liquidated damages for such failure. No interest will be allowed on the amount of the good faith deposit. All checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately on award of the Bonds. All proposals shall remain firm for three hours after the time specified for the opening of proposals and an award of the Bonds, or rejection of proposals, will be made by the District within said period of time.

The award, if any, will be made to the bidder complying with the terms of sale and offering to purchase the Bonds at the lowest net interest cost to the District. The net interest cost will be determined by computing the aggregate interest on the Bonds over the life of the issue at the rate or rates of interest specified by the bidder, less premium offered, if any. It is requested that each proposal be accompanied by a statement of the net interest cost (computed to six decimal places), but such statement will not be considered a part of the proposal.

The Governing Body reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted and to waive any irregularity or informality.

Delivery of the Bonds is expected to be made within sixty (60) days after the aforesaid date of sale of the Bonds at a place to be designated by the purchaser and without cost to the purchaser. Simultaneously with

the delivery of the Bonds, the purchaser shall furnish to the City a certificate, in form acceptable to Bond Counsel, stating that: (i) it purchased the Bonds as an investment for its own account and not with a view toward distribution or resale in the capacity of a bond house, broker, or intermediary; or (ii) pursuant to a bona fide public offering of all of the Bonds, it sold a substantial amount (ten percent (10%), or more, in par amount) of each maturity of the Bonds to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at or below the initial public offering prices set forth in such certificate. The purchaser shall also furnish a certificate, in form acceptable to Bond Counsel, setting forth the yield on the Bonds and issue price thereof, calculated in accordance with the requirements of the Code.

The obligation of the purchaser to purchase and pay for the Bonds is conditioned on the delivery, at the time of settlement of the Bonds, of the following: (1) the approving legal opinion of Butler Snow LLP, the Bond Counsel, (i) to the effect that the Bonds constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the District payable from and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the District, and (ii) to the effect that the interest on the Bonds is exempt from Federal and Mississippi income taxes under existing laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions with such exceptions as shall be required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and (2) the delivery of certificates in form and tenor satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and receipt of payment therefor, including a statement of the District, dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof, threatened relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. A copy of said approving legal opinion will appear on or accompany the Bonds.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will not be printed on the Bonds unless specifically requested by the purchaser, to not utilize CUSIP identification numbers, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of the purchase contract. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid by the District; the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for any legal fees it requires in connection with the purchase of the Bonds.

The issuer in this matter is not required to comply with the annual disclosure requirements set forth in 17 CFR § 240.15c2-12 (the "Rule"). Pursuant to the Rule, the obligation of an issuer of municipal securities to make annual disclosures is only applicable to primary offerings of municipal securities with an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 or more. The Bonds in this matter are being sold through a competitive sale and not a public offering to a purchaser without a view for distributing said Bonds. The purchaser of said Bonds shall be required to execute a certification at closing to the effect that the Bonds are being purchased for the account of the purchaser without the intent to distribute. As such, the issuance of the Bonds in this matter is not a primary offering of municipal securities, and as such, the Rule does not apply.

AN OFFERING DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Holmes County, Mississippi, acting for and on behalf of the District, on July 20, 2020.

/s/ Charlie Luckett

CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICT FOUR, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

8-6,13b

LEGAL NOTICE FORMAT FOR PUBLICATION OF ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLICATION

I/We, the member(s) of SUNNY LIQUOR STORE, LLC Intend to make application for: a Package Retailer permit As provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, 67-1-1 et. seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a limited liability company Under the trade name of SUNNY LIQUOR STORE Located at 5073 HWY 17, Suite-C, Pickens, MS, 39146. I, propose to operate under the tradename of Sunny's Liquor Store at 5073 HWY 17 Suite-C, Pickens, (MS) Holmes.

The name(s), title(s) and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s)/member(s)/trustee of the above named business are:

NARINDER KAUR
304 TIFTON COURT
MADISON, MS 39110

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published.

Requests shall be sent to:
Chief Counsel,
Legal Division
Department of Revenue
P. O. Box 22828
Jackson, MS 39225

Date of First Publication:
7/30/2020

This the _____ day of _____,
7-30;8-6p

LEGALS

There came on for consideration the matter of the issuance of a loan and promissory note of the Town of Pickens, Mississippi and, after a discussion of the subject matter, Alderwoman Etta Greer offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE intent and NECESSITY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A LOAN AND/OR PROMISSORY NOTE BY THE TOWN OF PICKENS, MISSISSIPPI, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$250,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF Providing payment for and defraying the COST OF EQUIPMENT, SPECIFICALLY A GARBAGE TRUCK FOR THE TOWN'S PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR USE WITHIN THE TOWN OF PICKENS; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS; AND THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION AND MATERIALS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF LOAN AND/OR PROMISSORY NOTE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities of the Town of Pickens, Mississippi, acting for and on behalf of the Town of Pickens, Mississippi (the "Town") are authorized by Section 17-21-51, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended to borrow money, where the total outstanding indebtedness incurred by a governing authority shall not exceed the greater of one percent (1%) of the assessed value of all taxable property located within the governing authority according to the last completed assessment for taxation or Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000); and

WHEREAS, the Town finds it necessary to issue a loan and/or promissory note in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/100 (\$250,000) for the purpose for payment and for defraying the cost of equipment, specifically a garbage truck for the Town's public safety, for the Town's public safety;

WHEREAS, the Town finds that it is reasonably necessary and desirable and in the public interest, in order to provide for payment and for defraying the cost of equipment, specifically a garbage truck for the Town's public safety, for the Town to borrow an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/100 (\$250,000);

WHEREAS, said borrowing shall be for the purpose of payment and for defraying the cost of equipment, specifically a garbage truck for the Town's public safety; and

WHEREAS, said dollar amount represented is less than one percent (1%) of the assessed value of all taxable property located within the governing authority or Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/100; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided, the Town pledges that such negotiable loan or promissory note is backed and pledged by the full faith and credit of the Town of Pickens;

WHEREAS, the Town finds it necessary to borrow an amount sufficient and incur interest on said loan and/or note to pay the principal of and interest in full by not later than five (5) years from the date of issuance; and

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized and empowered by the Mississippi Code to issue a loan and/or promissory note of the Town for the purposes set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF PICKENS, MISSISSIPPI, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the Mississippi Code and the laws of the State of Mississippi and all recitations hereinabove made are found and adjudicated to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Mississippi state law, the Governing Authorities, acting for and on behalf of the Town, does hereby find and determine that the issuance of a loan and/or note of the Town of Pickens (the "Note") in a principal amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/100 (\$250,000) is necessary and advisable and conforms to state law, and does

hereby declare its intention to and authorize the issuance and/or sale of the Note.

SECTION 3. The aggregate principal amount of the Note does not exceed the greater of one percent (1%) of the assessed value of all taxable property located within the governing authority according to the last completed assessment for taxation.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Mississippi state law, specifically Miss. Code Ann. 17-21-53, et seq. (Procedures of Issuance of Negotiable Notes), the principal shall be shall be payable annually, and interest shall be payable annually or semi-annually; provided, however, that the first payment of principal or interest may be for any period not exceeding one (1) year.

SECTION 5. The Note is to be issued for the purpose of financing the Projects, as specifically stated herein.

SECTION 6. The Town shall solicit bids via publication and/or solicit for bids pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 17-21-53, et seq., and issues the following Notice of Proposal and Solicitation to be published:

TOWN OF PICKENS, MISSISSIPPI

By Felesia Edwards

City Clerk, Town of Pickens

Alderwoman Tonya F. Jones seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Marion Clayton	Voted: "YEA"
Alderman Laura Moore	Voted: "YEA"
Alderman James White	Voted: "YEA"
Alderman Tonya Jones	Voted: "YEA"
Alderwoman Etta Greer	Voted: "YEA"

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted this, the 23 day of July, 2020.

Town of Pickens, Mississippi

/s/ William Primer Jr.

William Primer, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Felesia Edwards

City Clerk, Town of Pickens

(SEAL)

NOTICE OF AND SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS \$250,000

TOWN OF PICKENS, MISSISSIPPI ISSUANCE OF PROMISSORY NOTE AND/OR LOAN, SERIES 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, on 23, July, 2020, the Board voted to solicit on behalf of the Town of Pickens, Mississippi proposals from area banks to borrow funds for the projects of to provide for payment and for defraying the cost of equipment, specifically a garbage truck pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§17-21-51 and 17-21-53. The money so borrowed shall bear interest at a rate not greater than that allowed by Mississippi statute of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972. All principal and interest shall be repaid no later than five (5) years from the date of the issuance of the loan and/or promissory note, pledged and backed by the full faith and credit of the Town of Pickens.

The funds issued shall be used for the purposes allowed by law, and pursuant to Mississippi state law.

The terms of the loan should be as follows:

- Maximum aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000
- Draws available as needed beginning at the date of issuance
- Repayment five (5) years from the date of issuance
- Issuance pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 17-21-53

The successful bidder shall prepare all other documentation necessary to complete the transaction including but not limited to, a Promissory Note. If a bid for a tax exempt rate of interest is submitted, the successful bidder shall make its own determination of this fact, as well as prepare and file all forms and return required by Mississippi Tax Commission and the Internal Revenue Service.

Only those proposals arriving before 4:00 p.m. on August 10, 2020.

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