

## \*Punch in the face

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boil down to one thing: “The governor cannot spend dollars.”

“That is the prerogative of the Legislature,” Gunn said. “That has been the law for 200 years, and it’s the law in every state and it’s the law in Congress. The Legislature appropriates and the governor adminstrates.”

The new fiscal year began July 1. On July 13, Reeves sent a letter to the state fiscal officer authorizing the expenditure of funds to pay for the basic operation of local school districts through the Mississippi Adequate Education Program — based

on what was appropriated by the 2019 Legislature for the previous fiscal year.

House Education Chair Richard Bennett, R-Long Beach, pointed out that Reeves’ executive action left multiple programs unfunded — such as teacher supply funds. Bennett said it was particularly important for teachers to receive the \$12 million in supply funds as they struggle with starting school in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While Republicans control the Legislature and initiated the override of Reeves’ partial veto, Senate Democratic Leader Derrick Simmons Greenville said he supported

the override effort. He said Reeves, who as the former presiding officer of the Senate during his tenure as lieutenant governor, understood that legislators could take care of the School Recognition Program in a deficit appropriation in the 2021 session and that the governor did not have to issue the veto.

“Our school districts were really concerned about how they would be funded,” Simmons said.

Rep. Dana Criswell, R-Oldive Branch, one of seven no votes on the veto override, said, “I agree with the governor. The way we are doing this is wrong.”

Criswell said that funds going to the local school districts were being increased while most agencies were being cut during the pandemic-caused economic slowdown. He argued the \$28 million going to the School Recognition Program should come from existing funds instead of additional money being appropriated for the program.

In a normal regular session, legislators would be dependent on the governor to call them back to deal with a veto. The governor had refused to call them back, saying multiple legislators tested positive for the coronavirus soon after the session adjourned on July 1 and he feared another outbreak if

## \*Over 500 people

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coming days about crowd size at high school sporting events, which he said should be able to go ahead as forward if social distancing regulations are followed.

“We will not have high school football in Mississippi over the next several weeks which allows for thousands and thousands of people to be in the stands,” he said. “That is not healthy, that is not safe, that does not make sense at this time.”

The Health Department said Monday that Mississippi, with about 3 million population, has had at least 67,649 reported cases and at least 1,912 deaths from COVID-19 as of Sunday evening. That’s an increase of 476 confirmed cases and 16 deaths from numbers reported the day before, with nine of those deaths occurring between July 13 and Aug. 2 and identified later using death certificates.

The true number of virus infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest people can be infected without feeling sick. For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms. For some, especially older adults and those with existing health problems, it can cause more severe or fatal illness.

# 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  
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legislators returned to Jackson. State Health Officer Thomas Dobbs confirmed Monday that 49 of the 174 members of the Legislature have tested positive for the coronavirus in the months of July and August.

Legislators were able to return on Monday because in June they passed a resolution by a two-thirds vote to allow them to return to take up COVID-19 issues. On Monday, legislators also expanded a program they passed earlier to provide grants to small business impacted by the coronavirus.

While in session to deal with the coronavirus issues, legislators also took up the veto. Monday’s session played out against the backdrop of Gunn and White suing Reeves claiming the partial vetoes of the education bill and a bill that provides grants to hospitals and other health care providers to help them deal with the coronavirus were unconstitutional.

Legislators did not take up the partial veto of the health care providers bill. The legal action on Reeves’ partial veto of that bill will continue.

The Legislature also did not take up vetoes of bills passed to expand the authority of the Parole Board to release inmates.

As legislators worked Monday most members, unlike in late June, wore masks and practiced physical distancing.

Lawmakers adjourned late

Monday night until Tuesday morning. They are still haggling over a bill to fund the Department of Marine Resources. Lawmakers left in July without funding the agency, over a fight over whether Reeves has control of millions in Gulf restoration funds the state receives each year.

## Police: Woman tried to steal ambulance; pulled machete

Associated Press

A woman in Mississippi is accused of attempting to steal an ambulance and charging a paramedic with a machete.

The suspect began driving the vehicle Saturday night in Tupelo as medics were attending to a patient near the ambulance, the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal reported.

A paramedic was able to reach into the ambulance and turn off the engine, stopping the woman from driving it. She then exited the vehicle and charged a medic with a machete before running away, said Tupelo police spokesperson Capt. Chuck McDougald.

The suspect was captured by authorities a short time later. There were no injuries, the newspaper reported.

The woman faces misdemeanor charges. Authorities did not immediately identify her.



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# LEGAL NOTICES

**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; 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,  
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BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR  
DISTRICT FOUR, HOLMES  
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