

# LEGALS

RESOLUTION OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND THE DISTRICT'S INTENTION OF BORROWING MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS DESCRIBED HEREIN; ORDERING SAID RESOLUTION TO BE PUBLISHED; AND SETTING THE DATE UPON WHICH THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT IS TO TAKE FINAL ACTION UPON THE QUESTION OF AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF SAID MONEY

WHEREAS, the Interim Superintendent (the "Interim Superintendent") of the Holmes County Consolidated School District (the "District"), acting for and on behalf of the District, hereby finds and determines as follows:

1. The Interim Superintendent is acting for and on behalf of the District under the authorized of Section 37-17-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

2. It is necessary and desirable that a maximum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) (the "Maximum Principal Amount") be borrowed for the purposes of making repairs, alterations and additions to school buildings of the District, erecting school buildings and other buildings used for school purposes, purchasing heating plants, air conditioning, fixtures and equipment for such buildings, purchasing land for school purposes, purchasing school buses and transportation equipment, improving and equipping such lands for school recreational and athletic purposes, refinancing outstanding notes and paying the costs of such borrowing (the "Project").

3. It is in the best interests and to the District's advantage to obtain the funds needed for the Project by a loan or loans in the total Maximum Principal Amount evidenced by a note or notes (the "Notes") issued in the manner and form provided by Section 37-59-101, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the

"Act"). The Notes may be issued in one or more series over a period not to exceed two (2) years, provided that the total of all Notes issued hereunder may not exceed the Maximum Principal Amount stated herein.

4. Under the provisions of Section 37-59-115 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the limitation of Section 37-59-5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, on the indebtedness which may be incurred by school districts is not applicable to the proposed loan or loans evidenced by the Notes.

5. The purposes for which the proposed Notes are to be issued as herein set forth are purposes authorized by the Act and other laws of the State of Mississippi, and the Interim Superintendent is authorized and required to declare the necessity for and the District's intention of borrowing such money and issuing the Notes of the District as evidence of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Interim Superintendent of the District, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing premises are true and correct.

Section 2. The Interim Superintendent declares that it is necessary to borrow an amount not exceeding the Maximum Principal Amount for the purpose of paying the costs of the Project, which costs are not to exceed the Maximum Principal Amount.

Section 3. The Interim Superintendent declares that no funds are available in the school funds of the District or from any other source with which to pay the costs of the Project, and that it is necessary to borrow funds to pay the costs of the Project in the manner and form provided by the Act.

Section 4. The Interim Superintendent declares the District's intention to borrow such money and to issue the Notes as evidence of the same. The loan or loans evidenced by the Notes shall bear interest at the rate or rates to be specified by further Interim Superintendent resolution, which rate or rates shall not exceed the maximum interest rate permitted by Sec-

tion 19-9-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The Notes shall be dated as of the date of delivery thereof, or as otherwise agreed by the parties, and shall mature over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years, provided the term of any Notes issued to buy buses or transportation equipment shall not exceed ten (10) years, with the first installment of principal and/or interest thereon to be made within one year from the date thereof. An annual levy of a special tax which shall not exceed three mills on the dollar of assessed value of taxable property within the District, along with any other funds the District may pledge, shall be sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Notes to be issued hereunder and all other notes issued and outstanding under the Act, as the same shall respectively mature and accrue.

Section 5. Unless a petition signed by not less than 20% of the qualified electors of the District requesting that an election be called on the question of incurring said indebtedness is filed with the Interim Superintendent prior to 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2026, final approval of the borrowing of said money and authority for the issuance of said Notes shall be given by the Interim Superintendent at a meeting to be held at the aforesaid date and time at the Central Office, Educational Support Center, 313 Olive Street, Lexington, Mississippi.

Section 6. The Interim Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to cause this Resolution to be published in the *Holmes County Herald*, a newspaper having a general circulation in the District and qualified under the provisions of Section 13-3-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The Resolution shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks, with the first publication thereof to be made not less than 15 days prior to July 9, 2026, on which date the Interim Superintendent will take final action on the question of authorizing the borrowing of said money.

Section 7. That all orders, resolutions or proceedings of the Interim Superintendent in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the District's Interim Superintendent on June 11, 2026.

HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
HOLMES COUNTY

**Evelyn Johnson Timms**  
PLAINTIFF  
VS. 26-0031  
**Eddie Timms**  
DEFENDANT  
SUMMONS  
(By PUBLICATIONS)  
**The State of MISSISSIPPI**  
TO: Eddie Timms

You have been made a Defendant by another seeking a divorce Defendants other than you in this action is None.

You are required to mail, or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Evelyn Johnson Timms, whose address is 7069 Hwy 14 Goodman, MS 39079.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 11 DAY OF JUNE WHICH IS THE FIRST DAY OF SERVING OF THIS SUMMONS. IF OUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THIS COMPLAINT.

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

Issued under my hand and seal of Court, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

/s/ Charlie Luckett,  
Chancery Clerk

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#### NOTICE OF SALE

I will sell the herein below described abandoned motor vehicle as set forth in Section 63235 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended:

One 2017 Tahoe, VIN # 1GNSKB-KC6HR136475.

Time and date of sale: 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 3, 2026 at Automotive Towing, 8171 Brozville Road, Lexington, MS 39095.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF MICHAEL JOHNSON, Deceased  
CAUSE NO. 24-158

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HOLMES  
TO: The all Known and Unknown Heirs at Law of Michael Johnson and any other Interested Parties

#### HEIRSHIP SUMMONS

You have been named as parties in the above entitled cause of action filed in this Court by Barbara Johnson, Administrator in the above captioned matter seeking a decree to confirm heirship and distribute the assets of Michael Johnson, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear at 1:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2026, before the Honorable Judge Robert E. Clark, III in the Courtroom in the Chancery Court of Holmes County, Mississippi, that day sitting at the Holmes County Chancery Courthouse, Lexington, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the *Petition to Determine Heirs*.

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

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 29 day of May, 2026.

CHARLIE LUCKETT,  
HOLMES COUNTY  
CHANCERY CLERK

By: /s/Charlie Luckett

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# Southern Miss Opens Rural Digital Forensics Lab to Support Law Enforcement

By: Morgan Smith  
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The University of Southern Mississippi is expanding access to digital forensic resources and training through the opening of the Rural Digital Forensics Initiative (RDFI) laboratory within the School of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science and Security. Supported by the U.S. Department of Justice, the RDFI includes a digital content production studio and working laboratory used to create training materials and support rural law enforcement agencies in Mississippi and beyond.

Rural law enforcement agencies often face unique challenges when it comes to accessing forensic support and training. The RDFI helps bridge those gaps by providing resources and educational opportunities that can help improve investigative efficiency and better support agencies in rural communities.

The RDFI laboratory is one of only three digital forensics laboratories of its kind in Mississippi and is equipped to assist law en-

forcement agencies with a wide range of digital evidence, including smartphones, tablets, computers and external storage media.

"The Rural Digital Forensics Initiative uniquely places Southern Miss at the forefront of the intersection of academia and public safety by providing a state-of-the-art digital forensics laboratory," said Kristi Johnson, laboratory lead of the RDFI.

When agencies request assistance from the RDFI, the lab works directly with the submitting investigator to document and receive evidence, perform forensic acquisition and processing, and provide extracted data and forensic reports.

In addition to laboratory services, the initiative is expanding digital forensics education through Virtual Academy, an online learning platform designed to provide on-demand training for law enforcement agencies. The platform allows officers and investigators to complete continuing education opportunities more conveniently while reducing the need for travel and

time away from their departments.

"The RDFI is primed to strengthen investigations in the Pine Belt while also helping grow digital forensic capabilities through collaboration and training," said John Tryner, laboratory manager of the RDFI. "We have an opportunity to support agencies that may not have the personnel, equipment or funding to process digital evidence."

Southern Miss students are gaining hands-on experience through the initiative. Undergraduate and graduate students currently assist with training video development and laboratory operations, helping prepare them for careers connected to public safety and criminal investigations.

The RDFI is also working with state law enforcement training divisions to ensure educational content can be utilized for continuing education requirements.

Learn more about the Rural Digital Forensics Initiative and the School of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science and Security at Southern Miss.



**Conservation Corner**  
by James Cummins  
Executive Director  
of Wildlife Mississippi

#### National Pollinator Week, June 22-28

The next time you snack on almonds, add blueberries to your smoothie, or eat pumpkin pie, thank a pollinator, and thank farmers, ranchers, and private forestland owners who work hard to create and maintain their habitat.

Pollinators, such as honeybees, bumblebees, butterflies, birds, bats, flies, and many others, play a critical role in crop production. Without pollinators, we wouldn't have many crops.

During the week of June 22-28, the nation will celebrate these iconic and crucial pollinators during National Pollinator Week. The U.S. Senate designated the third week in June as National Pollinator Week to increase awareness about the importance of pollinators and the challenges many of them face, including serious population declines and habitat losses, often due to land use changes and excessive or improper pesticide use. Nearly 200 species of pollinators are considered threatened or extinct.

Pollination occurs when

pollen grains are moved between two flowers of the same species, or within a single flower by wind or insects and animals. Successful pollination results in healthy fruit and fertile seeds, allowing the plants to reproduce.

The extensive and critical world of crop pollinators is a \$20 billion a year industry. About 75% of crop plants are polluted by billions of animals and insects every year

Many federal, state, and local government agencies, non-government organizations, and universities have launched extensive efforts to protect pollinators, especially honeybees and the monarch butterfly. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works closely with farmers, forest landowners, and other private landowners to increase pollinator habitat in targeted areas nationwide.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program, through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, offers financial incentives to agricultural producers and private forest

landowners who enhance pollinator habitat by voluntarily implementing conservation practices such as cover crops, wildflower and native plantings in buffers, and areas not in production.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can also be used to enhance habitat to protect pollinators. Administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency, the CRP is a land conservation program in which enrolled landowners remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality.

When we protect pollinators, we protect our ability to grow food. We thank our farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners who offer a safe haven for pollinators and grow the products we enjoy.

Whether you are a large commodity producer, a small and diverse organic producer, or even a suburban homeowner, you can have an important role in saving pollinators in Mississippi.

*James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.*

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