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OMNIBUS LEGISLATIVE BOND PACKAGE YIELDS \$50 MILLION FOR THE LOCAL SYSTEMS BRIDGE PROGRAM HOUSE BILL 1649

On Monday March 25, 2018, both the House and Senate chamber agreed to an omnibus legislative bond package. The bonds totaled \$250 million. The bulk of the \$250 million dollars addressed county government, universities, junior colleges and state agencies. The following revenue stream from the bond impacts county government.

Local System Bridge Program: **\$50 Million**

Small Municipality Limited Population Counties Grant Program: **\$5 Million**

Local Gov't Rural Water Improvement Revolving Loan Fund: **\$3 Million**

NOTE: Last year there was "NO" omnibus bond package.

RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING SECURED! (SENATE BILL 2467)

Senate Bill 2467 originally started out as a bill for the MS Windstorm Underwriting Association, but this measure was amended to include funding for the Rural Fire Truck Program.

Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund: **\$4.5 Million**

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT "NOT" CUT! SENATE BILL 2963

Senate Bill 2963 is the appropriation for the Department of Revenue. In section 8 of this bill, the reimbursement for the homestead exemption is funded at **\$80,625,992.00**. This is level funded from last year. Initially, the Legislative Budget Office (LBO) recommended a **\$1,201,327.00** cut. This level of funding stops the bleeding and avoids being cut two years in a row.

B.R.I.D.G.E ACT DIES DUE TO FAIL NEGOTIATIONS SENATE BILL 3046

During this past "Conference Weekend," legislative leaders announced that there was a stalemate between the House and Senate as it relates to passing a true comprehensive infrastructure package. The Bridge Act (Senate Bill 3046) was the only vehicle left alive to significantly address infrastructure from a long-term perspective. Both the House and Senate came up with plans to borrow and divert money for roads/bridges and earmark future revenue growth, but the two could not reach a compromise. Reports were that there was a strong disagreement of whether cities and counties should match state dollars. The Senate's top leadership stated that local governments should have "skin in the game" and match dollars with the state. The House top leadership disagreed and believed that local governments would struggle to come up with the match revenue. This inevitably led to the death of Senate Bill 3046.

SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to give a special thanks to the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Membership for your phone calls, capitol visits, and electronic messaging to your local legislative delegation. This is a grassroots organization, and none of the Association's successes would not be possible if it were not for you.



**The House and Senate has
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2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Thirteenth week of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session has ended. On Wednesday March 28th, the members of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session has completed their work and officially adjourned Sine Die.

MAS 89TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, JUNE 11-14, 2018, BILOXI, HARRISON COUNTY

Registration is now open for the MAS 89th Annual Convention! Click [here](#) for more information on the Convention Center. Click [here](#) for a map of the Convention Center.

Questions?

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