LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY INCREASES

Monday, Feb. 8 was the filing deadline for all general bills and constitutional amendments to be submitted to the Clerk’s Office. Attorneys for the House drafted 2,046 resolution and general bill requests. They are still drafting bills for revenue committees, Appropriations, Local and Private and numerous resolutions and proclamations yet to be requested.

GOVERNOR SIGNS ECONOMIC PACKAGE INTO LAW

Governor Bryant signed into law this week House Bill 1 of the 2016 Special Legislative Session, providing special incentive packages to Continental Tire and Topship. Developments by these companies will provide 3,500 jobs for the State.

APPROPRIATIONS HEARINGS

As the session progresses, state agencies continue to meet with House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Please contact your local legislative delegation and remind them of the importance of fully funding the homestead exemption reimbursement at $87.5 Million. This appropriation line item is in the Dept. of Revenue’s budget request.

FLOOR ACTIONS

House and Senate Floor Chambers debated various measures this week. Below are various bills passed out of each chamber.

HB 425: Bill would authorize tax collectors to conduct land sales through an online auction.

HB 112: Permits that when Mississippi has a natural disaster, credentialed medical responders providing assistance will be covered under workers’ compensation and death benefits, should they incur injury or death while assisting with disaster recovery. *(The State of Mississippi shall cover the cost.)*

SB 2438: Bill requires that all local school superintendents be appointed after January 1, 2019.

MAS LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

HB 2438: Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund; increase amount Legislature shall appropriate for deposit to.

NORTH CENTRAL PDD VISIT RESCHEDULED

Due to the President’s Day holiday and board scheduling conflicts, the North Central PDD Capitol Day has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

Legislature reconvenes Monday, February 15.