



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & RATIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

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# The Order Of The Day

- Legislative Budget Office (latest in revenue collections)
  - Policy Issues
  - Legislative Proposals (ratification of proposals)
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# MS Legislative Budget Office

- Mississippi's State government fiscal year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Mississippi Legislative Budget Office released its first "Revenue Report" for the first quarter of the State's fiscal year.
  - The first quarter reported that the total revenue collections year-to-date is \$239,294,975.00, or 14.89% above the sine die revenue estimate.
  - The FY 2023 Sine Die Revenue Estimate is \$6,987,400.00
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# MS Legislative Budget Office



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### WELCOME

Welcome to the Mississippi Legislative Budget Office website. The Legislative Budget Office (LBO) assists the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) in the development of the Legislative Budget Recommendation (LBR) and throughout the annual State budget cycle, as well as provides computer and technical support in the State Capitol.

### Announcements

- The Fall 2022 Joint Legislative Budget Committee meeting schedule is as follows:
  - State Agency Budget Hearing - *Wed., Sept. 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.* [Watch](#)
  - Review of LBO Budget Recommendations (LBR) and Adoption of the FY 2024 Revenue Estimate - *Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*
  - Public Adoption of JLBC Recommendation - *Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.* [New!](#)

All meetings are held in the Legislative Budget Office Hearing Room, Woolfolk Building, Room 139



Mississippi State Capitol Eagle

# HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT




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# Maintain Full Funding of the Homestead Exemption Reimbursement

- The 2022 Regular Legislative Session provided for an \$11,586,528.00 increase in the homestead exemption reimbursement for counties. This increase addressed the full funding level of \$90.6 million.
- The full funding level needed for the 2023 Regular Session will be \$92 million.

***Note:** MAS receives its information of the needed full funding level from the budget request of the MS Department of Revenue.*

Actual Expense June 30, 2022	Estimated Expense June 30, 2023	Requested For June 30, 2024	Requested Over/(Under) Estimated
\$79,013,472.00	\$90,600,000.00	\$92,000,000.00	\$1,400,000.00

A photograph of a winding elevated highway bridge over a forested valley at dusk. The bridge has a yellow guardrail and a white lane line. A single car is visible on the bridge. The background shows a dense forest of trees on a hillside under a hazy, twilight sky. The text 'INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING' is overlaid in a white serif font, with a horizontal line underlining the word 'FUNDING'.

# INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING



# Infrastructure Funding

- *State Aid Funding: We are looking to pursuing methods to provide consistent additional funding to the State Aid Road Construction Program*
  - *We will pursue additional money for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair (ERBR) Program. (A realistic target may be an additional \$100 million)*
  - *Use Tax Update: July 1, 2022 was the beginning of Year 4 (100% of the total 15% collections)*
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# PURCHASING



# Purchasing Threshold Increase

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- Currently for purchases that do not involve an expenditure of more than five (5) thousand dollars, those purchases may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids.
- It is the intention of MAS to increase this \$5,000.00 threshold to \$10,000.00.

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- Currently for purchases made that do not require a requisition or receiving report, an amount up to two (2) thousand dollars may be expended.
  - It is the intention MAS to increase the purchase threshold from \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00
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# FLEXIBLE DISCLOSURE

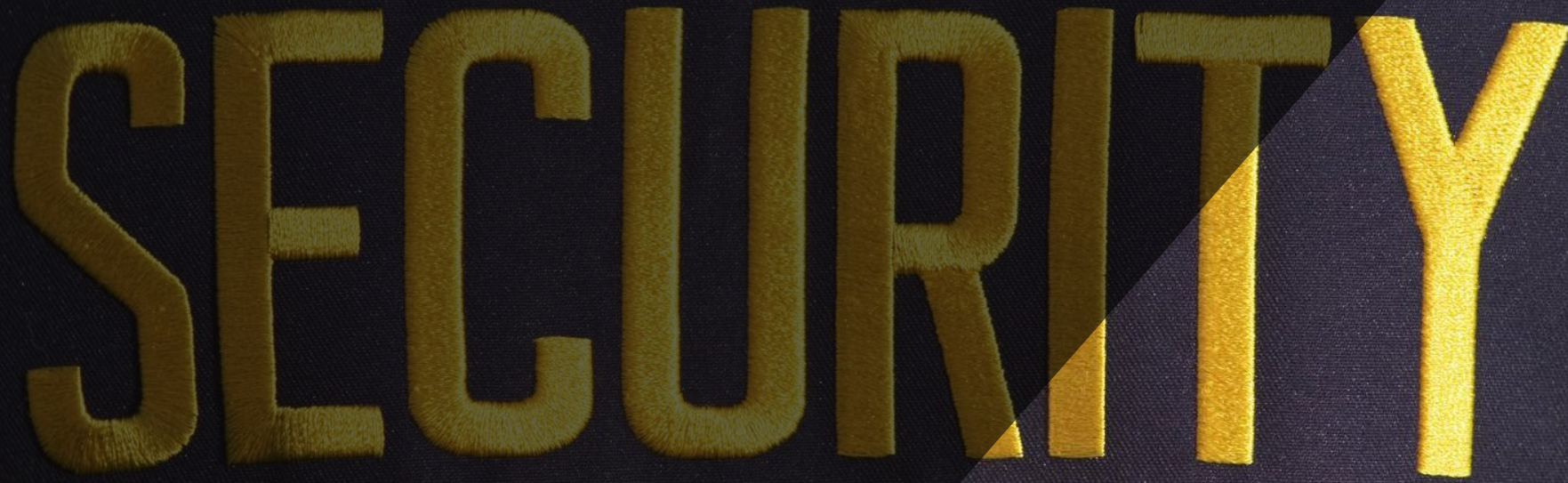
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# Disclosure of Public Notices

- Currently, when counties and municipalities issue a public notice, they are required to circulate the public notice through the newspaper print media outlet.
  - In an effort to be more cost effective and efficient, MAS would like for local governments to have the option to issue their public notices electronically via websites or social media.
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# E-911 FUNDING



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# Adequate E-911 Funding

- MAS will pursue additional E-911 funding opportunities.
  - MAS is also working with other entities that have an ancillary connection to E-911 to see if there is an opportunity to collaborate in pushing for additional E-911 Funding
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# ADEQUATE FIRE TRUCK FUNDING





# Rural Fire Truck Funding

- MAS was informed that since the inception of diverting portions of the State insurance premium tax to be earmarked for county insurance rebate monies (under the Department of Insurance) the diversion formula has never changed to address inflation of costs as it pertains to the rising cost of fire trucks.
  - During the 90s, a fire truck was under \$140k per truck. Now, that same truck is selling for roughly \$340k to \$350k. (NOTE: MAS was informed by a county that spent \$335k for a fire truck last year, a truck quoted for the same specs this year ranged between \$439k to \$494k.
  - MAS will work towards addressing increasing the insurance premium tax diversion to significantly impact fire truck purchases throughout the state.
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# Rural Fire Truck Funding Cont'd


- Jones County Example:

- MAS received information that in 1996 Jones County purchased eight (8) brand new Peirce Fire Trucks that totaled for \$1,020,284.00. Some of these trucks were two (2) door commercial and some were four (4) door commercial chassis trucks. They averaged around the \$127,535.00 cost range.

- Jones County recently talked with two (2) different manufactures, and a similar two (2) door truck would be roughly between \$340k - \$350 thousand per truck.

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# ARPA SPENDING IN THE LAST TERM



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# Clarification Regarding ARPA Spending in the Last 6 Months of the Term

- In Mississippi Code Section 19-11-27, it addresses certain expenditure for the last year of the term for county supervisors, more specifically the last 6 months of the term.
  - There are exceptions to this prohibition baked into the code section addressing Local Systems Bridge Program, Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Funds, and the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund.
  - MAS would like to add to exceptions for clarity that counties may continue to spend and work on ARPA related projects since the time frame for spending ARPA funding is limited.
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# MAS LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS



## Proposal 1

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors request legislation that will maintain the fully funded threshold of the Homestead Exemption Reimbursement

## Proposal 2

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors request legislation that will provided for increase revenue for E-911 funding.

## Proposal 3

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors request legislation that will allow local governments to post public notices electronically, including to their certified social media webpage.

## Proposal 4

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors request legislation that will increase from \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for purchases made not requiring a purchase requisition, purchasing order, or receiving report.

## Proposal 5

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors request legislation that will increase from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for purchases made without requiring advertising or requesting competitive bids.

## Proposal 6

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors request legislation that will provide additional funding to the county State Aide Road Construction program, and another significant funding round to the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF)

## Proposal 7

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors request legislation that will allow county supervisors the ability to spend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund during the last 6 months of their elected term.

QUESTIONS?

