

# MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## The 2022 Regular Legislative Session

The Fourteenth week of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session is complete.

On Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, both the House and the Senate Chamber adjourned SINE DIE. The 2022 Regular Legislative Session has officially come to a close.

### MAS 2022 Legislative Proposals Receives Favorable Consideration for the Majority of MAS Proposals

MAS 2022 Regular Legislative Proposals are as Follows:

- **Senate Bill 3024** – Full funding of the homestead exemption reimbursement at \$90,600,000.00
- **Senate Bill 2719** – County supervisors salary realignment/increase
- **House Bill 451** - Rural fire truck funding
- **House Bill 451** – Creation of a “State” funded First Responders Health and Safety Act measure.

### Legislature Passes Omnibus Appropriation Measure (House Bill 1353)

**House Bill 1353** is an appropriation that consists of “numerous” specific earmarks for various local road and bridge projects across the state. Please review this legislation to see if your county has received one of the line item earmarks.

### Numerous American Rescue Plan Act Legislation (ARPA)

#### *Local Gov't Water Infrastructure*

**Senate Bill 2822**: This measure establishes the MS Municipal/County Water Infrastructure Grant Program. NOTE: The funding that will fund this program is located in Senate Bill 3056. The amount funding this program is \$450,000,000.00

#### *Rural Water Associations Grant Program*

**House Bill 1421**: This measure establishes the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program to assist rural water associations in the construction of eligible drinking water infrastructure projects. NOTE: The funding that will fund this program is located in House Bill 1538. The amount funding this program is \$300,000,000.00.

### *Tourism Recovery*

**House Bill 453:** This measure establishes a process for “Destination Marketing Organizations to access ARPA funds to help promote tourism in the various Mississippi counties and municipalities. The funding for this measure is located in Section 2 of this act, and the funding is around \$30 million.

### *Broadband Deployment*

**House Bill 1029:** This measure establishes the Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) Act. Funding will come from state legislature support and federal grants.

## **MAS Legislative Summary Report**

MAS will soon produce a 2022 Regular Legislative Session summary report of the bills that impacts county government.

## **Special Thanks!**

Special thanks to everyone that participated in these year’s 2022 Friday Legislative ZOOM meeting updates. Your collective participation in addition to reaching out to your local legislative delegation was a vital component to MAS’s legislative successes.

## **MAS 2022 Spring Regional Meetings**

The final four spring regional meetings are next week. Following are the final regional PDD meetings.

### **NOTE: Three Rivers PDD Spring Regional Meeting Location Change**

There has been a change in location for our meeting on Wednesday, April 13 for the Three Rivers PDD Spring Regional Meeting. We will now be meeting at Pontotoc Community House located at 144 North Main Street, Pontotoc, MS 38863 at 10:00 a.m.

#### **NORTH DELTA PDD REGION:**

**Tuesday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MAS Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

Hosted By: North Delta PDD

Location: NDPDD Office

Address: **220 Power Dr., Batesville, MS 38606**

Phone: 662.561.4100

#### **NORTHEAST PDD REGION:**

**Tuesday, April 12, 4:00 p.m.**

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MAS Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Hosted By: Northeast PDD

Location: Market 105

Address: **118 West College Street, Booneville, MS 38829**

Phone: 662.728.6248

**THREE RIVERS PDD REGION:**

**Wednesday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MAS Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

Hosted By: Three Rivers PDD

**NEW Location: Pontotoc Community House**

**Address: 144 North Main Street, Pontotoc, MS 38863**

Phone: 662.489.2415

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE PDD REGION:**

**Wednesday, April 13, 4:00 p.m.**

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MAS Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Hosted By: Golden Triangle PDD

Location: GTPDD office

**Address: 106 Miley Drive, Starkville, MS 39759**

Phone: 662.324.7860

## **MAS 2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION**

### **Early Bird Registration Ending Soon**

The MAS 2022 Annual Convention is scheduled for **June 13 - June 16, 2022**. Meeting will be held at the MS Coast Convention Center located at 2350 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39531. If you have not registered, please fill out the county registration form linked below. Early bird registration rate for members ends Wednesday, April 12, 2022.

**[CLICK HERE FOR COUNTY REGISTRATION FORM](#)**