BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on October 6, 2026, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular meeting time. Mayor Graves called the meeting to order, and the following Aldermen were present: Underwood, Dear, Garrett, McConnell, and Tanksley. Also present were: City Attorney Kenneth Stockton, City Clerk Katie Harbin, Interim Police Chief Maze, Police Sgt. Hampton, Fire Chief Foresman, FLSE/PIO Chantay Rhone, Public Works Director Brevin Holden, Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Young, Community Development & Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Joe Max Higgins – EDF, Denise Liddell – EDF, Chris Flemmin – EDF, Amy Gabbert – EDF, Matthew Raff – EDF, David Slocum – EDF, Brett Brown – Tate Record, Ricky Stevens – Tate County, Blake Mendrop – Mendrop Engineering, Darrell Dixon – NDPDD, Debbie Perkins – Tate Co. Heritage Museum Foundation, Martha Clinton – Tate Co. Heritage Museum Foundation, ?? – Tate Co. Heritage Museum Foundation, Frank and Signy Givens, and Michael Cathey.

Alderman Garrett gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

## City of Senatobia
## Mayor and Board of Aldermen Agenda

October 6, 2026
City Hall 5pm

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43. Executive Session – Economic Development and Police Personnel

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Request for funding from the Tate Co. Heritage Museum Foundation

Debbie Perkins introduced herself and Martha Clinton, her on behalf of the Tate County Heritage Museum Foundation.

Martha Clinton introduced herself and spoke briefly about the Tate County Heritage Museum Foundation. They are located in the Tate County Courthouse and ran by volunteers. They are here tonight to request funding in the amount of $1,000, as they have done in previous years. Mrs. Clinton stated that they are very thankful to the Mayor and Board for the City's continued support.

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Underwood, to approve the request for funding from the Tate Co. Heritage Museum Foundation in the amount of $1,000.00, finding that this is a means for advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities, and resources of the City of Senatobia. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Discussion of surplusing the Leaf Vac Machine

Public Works Director Brevin Holden spoke to the Mayor and Board about the Leav Vac Machine. Mr. Holden stated most of the time it sits, not being used. It has lots of issues, repairs are needed. Every time the staff uses it, they get sick from all of the dust and pollen that comes up from it, messing up their sinus' and causing them to take off work. I wanted to get your input on surplusing it.

Alderman Tanksley stated what about them wearing masks.

Brevin Holden stated we've tried. They won't wear them. The masks are hot and make it hard to breathe through.

Mayor Graves stated we are getting $200,000 to purchase a street sweeper and vacuum equipment machine.

Brevin Holden stated he will do more research to see how much we could sell ours for and how much a new machine will cost.

Alderman McConnell stated that he will do some research also to see what he can find.

Discussion of tree removal from ROW's

Mayor Graves advised the Board that he has recently received requests from citizens asking about the City removing trees from the ROW by their properties. In the past, in a few situations, we have split the bill with citizens for tree removal. We have had Mr. Matthrew Raff's expert opinion on the trees before removing them. Mayor Graves stated that he wanted to get input from the Board on how they would like to handle these situations since it seems like more are requests are coming up.

Alderman Dear stated he thinks it would need to be case by case.

Alderman Tanksley asked City Attorney Kenneth Stockton what his thoughts on this were.

City Attorney Kenneth Stockton stated I think you'd need to have a policy for this, only removing dead trees or trees creating danger to the public. If they are in the ROW, you have the right to remove them if needed.

Mayor Graves stated I wanted to get direction on this. I have a few waiting for an answer.

Alderman Garrett asked Jamie Sowell for her input.

Community Development & Tourism Director Jamie Sowell stated that just recently going through a similar process with FEMA/MEMA, regarding tree removal, we had to go through several hoops. We had to have an arborist certify that it wasn't a salvageable tree. I think we should have a form, a policy for this.

Mayor Graves stated maybe we can see if other cities have a policy for this type of situation. We will get more information and bring it back to you. We need to be consistent with whatever we do.

Department Reports

Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Young advised the Board that things are going well with the Parks & Recreation department. We have the fall recreation baseball and softball leagues going on right now, they have about 2 weeks left. We've had grass cutting and will have rye grass going out tomorrow. Mr. Young stated we have had 2 tournaments so far this fall. They have gone great. Staff are doing a good job keeping everything running, stocked and cleaned. We have bee using Chick-fil-a, Zaxby's and Colemans. We have a 30-team tournament coming up this weekend and a 35-team tournament the last weekend of this month.

Alderman Garrett stated I feel like we are missing out on money, revenue, not taking cash at for concessions. What's your take?

Dustin Young stated some people don't care and some won't use their card and will leave. We haven't had a bunch of people that complain. If we do start taking cash, we will need a manager on each shift, and a process, etc.

Alderman Underwood stated with you being here a month now, can you say what's a big concern for you.

Dustin Young stated right now it is concession stand workers, with them showing up, coming to work. They are teenagers and some have a lot of other things going on. Just having enough staff to effectively run the concession stand(s). I have a few that are really great, just need more.

Alderman Dear stated do you have 30 to 40 to choose from.

Dustin Young stated no, it's more like 10 on the list.
Fire Chief Foresman stated the Fire Department has been working on training. We've had both probation firefighters complete the MSTAT. We will be advertising for the Fire Inspector position soon. We held try outs and interviews last week to fill the last open spot. Chief Foresman stated that we are receiving a FEMA grant, which is on the consent agenda, to

purchase Multi gas air sampling devices. Chief Foresman stated the Fire on Front Street is under investigation. I would like to thank Larry Sowell for coming out in the middle of the night to assist with this, I would like to also thank our firefighters, our Police Officers and the Sheriff's office for working on this. Chief Foresman stated last week we had the 911 stair climb and this week we will have our Golf Tournament. If you are available, please come out for this event. I would like to thank Jamie Sowell and Chantay Rhone for putting this together.

Interim Police Chief Maze advised the Board that things are going well for the Police Department. In addition to the fire on Front St, we also had a shooting the same weekend. I would also like to thank our staff, the Sheriff's office and the Fire Investigator for assisting with the fire on Front Street. I would also like to thank the Sheriff's office for their assistance with the shotting investigation. Interim Chief Maze stated in September they had approximately 423 calls and 14 arrests. We have the DEA Take Back event coming up soon, along with a Breast Cancer Walk, Trunk or Treat and Back to School Drive. Interim Chief Maze stated they continue to work on recruiting new officers. Officer Scott will be graduating from the Academy on October 22nd.

Public Works Director Brevin Holden advised the Board that he has been working with Blake Mendrop to finalize everything for the new water tower. The SCADA system is on the consent agenda for approval; this will tie the new tower in with our current system. This will bring the new tower to almost complete. We've been working on water leak repairs. The new tractor repairs were covered by the warranty. Mr. Holden stated the repairs at Hwy 51 and Porter are almost complete. An electrical company is putting the electrical equipment in for the light at the intersection. I meet with Mr. McLeod regarding rerouting the lines for electrical at the new Fire Training Center. Mr. Holden stated we need to get a second quote for the water main line repairs at Ward St and Gilmore St, then we will be able to bring it to you for approval.

Alderman Underwood asked if Mr. Holden could give a short summary of the situation.

Brevin Holden stated at that location we have 2 water mains laying on top of each other, touching. There is no room to get a clamp on one without hitting the other line. We want to open the entire intersection to be able to see everything there. The maps we have only show 2 there, but we are aware that there are at least 5.
Mr. Holden stated the kunckleboom repair quote is on the agenda for approval. I have been working with Blake Mendrop on the Back Acres sewer issues. MSRWA came and completed the smoke test in the Back Acres system for us. We are very thankfully to them for doing this. We also have on the agenda the agreement with Greg Robets for Fire Hydrant testing. This will be very helpful not only in testing the hydrants but also mapping the locations. Mr. Holden stated we are shorthanded, as you can see from the agenda, so I ask that you bear with us, we are working hard to get everything done.

Alderman Tanksley asked about Bernard or Ricco getting a promotion to Supervisor.

Brevin Holden answered he requested the amount for a promotion in the budget, but it wasn't approved with that amount included. They are in lead roles now.

Alderman Tanksley stated they need to get that, they are doing the work.

Mayor Graves stated make sure you note on the Animal Shelter Department reports that in August 5 of the animals were from the City and 31 were from the County and in September 14 were from the City with 40 from the County.

Alderman Garrett asked what about the Animal Shelter repairs, the AC is not working.

Mayor Graves stated I sent information on it to the County to see what they want to do regarding the cost of the repairs.

Alderman Garrett stated I know they will say it's their land but our building. We need to fix the air.

Alderman McConnell stated we need to do something about the air.

Mayor Graves stated Mrs. Darby was supposed to have someone go look at it and quote the repairs. I haven't heard anything back just yet. I can get the quotes to you.

Alderman Dear stated the County isn't worried about it.

Alderman McConnell stated the people don't go to the county to complain, they contact us.

Mayor Graves stated he wanted to apologize, he did not call on Mrs. Sowell for her department report.

Community Development & Tourism Director Jamie Sowell advised that she has submitted two grant applications. ABB is having a big event next week on October 11 – 14th. We have been working with them and our City staff to figure out parking for them. We have explained that parking is not allowed on the street. We have helped with finding and facilitating spaces for them to park, so it should all work out well. Mrs. Sowell stated that Trunk or Treat is still happening, on October 27th. We have Witches Night Out on October 22nd, which is a fundraiser for our Animal Shelter. Mrs. Sowell advised that we have had several new businesses, new growth, come here. Several properties sold last week. Main Street is doing "Boo Crew" this year, a new thing for us. People can request that we "Boo" someone's yard, then we go and put small Halloween themed signs in peoples' yards, and they have to pay a small fee to have them removed. We have already raised over $900.00.

Alderman Garrett asked Mrs. Sowell to elaborate a little on the Downtown project.

Jamie Sowell stated our infrastructure is the most messed up anyone has seen, the most unique. The lines underground, how they are laid, direction, position, etc., make no sense. Water lines are run in different directions, they cross, etc. Some are abandoned but still are fed water from somewhere. Some lines are so old, made of terracotta, they crumble just with dirt moving, not being touched. Mrs. Sowell advised that Ward St and Center St are almost finished. We have been dealing with water and sewer lines. This kind of project happens in a city maybe once in a lifetime.

Alderman McConnell asked if this will be costing more and cause us to not have money for the pretty, above ground stuff in the end.

Jamie Sowell answered no sir. We are still good as of right now. We also have more funding on the way for this project.

Alderman Dear asked about the black top for College St.

Jamie Sowell stated that Center St and Ward St will look like College St soon. We won't do the final until the end of the project, which is so the equipment won't mess it up.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Graves went over consent agenda items 8 - 42, asked if anyone had any questions.

Alderman Garrett asked about item number 28, stating with this item for Chantay to get Fire Inspector training, and her having the PIO position, where are y'all going with that.

Fire Chief Foresman stated I think it would be best to still advertise and see what applicants are out there. It would be best to have two Fire Inspectors. We have over 400 businesses to be inspected.

Alderman Dear asked about item numbers 18 and 19, stating I've never known us to hire part-time Officers. Do they have Certifications.

Interim Police Chief Maze stated they currently work in Coldwater. They have their part-time certification. They do want to be full-time.

Mayor Graves asked is that the same training, certification, as full-time Officers.

Interim Police Chief Maze answered no sir, it has some of the same training, but not all of it.

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. All present voting yea, motion carried.

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**Municipal Compliance Questionnaire**

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The governing authorities should take care to answer these questions accurately. Incorrect answers could reduce the auditor's reliance on the questionnaire responses, resulting in the need to perform additional audit procedures at added cost.

Information

*Note: Due to the size of some municipalities, some of the questions may not be applicable. If so, mark N/A in answer blanks. Answers to other questions may require more than "yes" or "no," and, as a result, more information on this questionnaire may be required and/or separate work papers may be needed.*

1. Name and address of municipality: City of Senatobia
   133 N Front St. PO Box 1020 Senatobia, MS 38668
2. List the date and population of the latest official U.S. Census or most recent official census:
   2020 Census - Population 8,354
3. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of officials (include elected officials, chief administrative officer, and attorney). See attached
4. Period of time covered by this questionnaire:

   From: 10/1/2025 To: 9/30/2026
5. Expiration date of current elected officials' term: 6/30/2029

**IV-B0**

12. Has the municipality published a synopsis or notice of the annual audit within 30 days of acceptance? (Section 21-35-31 or 21-17-19) Y

**PART II - Cash and Related Records**

1. Where required, is a claims docket maintained? (Section 21-39-7) Y

2. Are all claims paid in the order of their entry in the claims docket? (Section 21-39-9) Y

3. Does the claims docket identify the claimant, claim number, amount and fund from which each warrant will be issued? (Section 21-39-7) Y

4. Are all warrants approved by the board, signed by the mayor or majority of the board, attested to by the clerk, and bearing the municipal seal? (Section 21-39-13) Y

5. Are warrants for approved claims held until sufficient cash is available in the fund from which it is drawn? (Section 21-39-13) Y

6. Has the municipality adopted and entered on its minutes a budget in the format prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor? (Sections 21-35-5, 21-35-7 and 21-35-9) Y

7. Does the municipality operate on a cash basis budget, except for expenditures paid within 30 days of fiscal year end or for construction in progress? (Section 21-35-23) Y

8. Has the municipality held a public hearing and published its adopted budget? (Sections 21-35-5, 27-39-203, & 27-39-205) Y

9. Has the municipality complied with legal publication requirements when budgetary changes of 10% or more are made to a department's budget? (Section 21-35-25) Y

10. If revenues are less than estimated and a deficit is anticipated, did the board revise the budget by its regular July meeting? (Section 21-35-25) N/A

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11. Have financial records been maintained in accordance with the chart of accounts prescribed by the State Auditor? (Section 21-35-11) Y

12. Does the municipal clerk submit to the board a monthly report of expenditures against each budget item for the preceding month and fiscal year to date and the unexpended balances of each budget item? (Section 21-35-13) Y

13. Does the board avoid approving claims and the city clerk not issue any warrants which would be in excess of budgeted amounts, except for court-ordered or emergency expenditures? (Section 21-35-17) Y

14. Has the municipality commissioned municipal depositories? (Sections 27-105-353 and 27-105-363) Y

15. Have investments of funds been restricted to those instruments authorized by law? (Section 21-33-323) Y

16. Are donations restricted to those specifically authorized by law? [Section 21-17-5 (Section 66, Miss. Constitution) -- Sections 21-19-45 through 21-19-59, etc.] Y

17. Are fixed assets properly tagged and accounted for? (Section II - Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide) Y

18. Is all travel authorized in advance and reimbursements made in accordance with Section 25-3-41? Y

19. Are all travel advances made in accordance with the State Auditor's regulations? (Section 25-3-41) Y

**PART III - Purchasing and Receiving**

1. Are bids solicited for purchases, when required by law (written bids and advertising)? [Section 31-7-13(b) and (c)] Y

2. Are all lowest and best bid decisions properly documented? [Section 31-7-13(d)] Y

3. Are all one-source item and emergency purchases documented on the board's minutes? [Section 31-7-13(m) and (k)] Y

4. Do all officers and employees understand and refrain from accepting gifts or kickbacks from suppliers? (Section 31-7-23) Y

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**PART IV - Bonds and Other Debt**

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| 1. | Has the municipality complied with the percentage of taxable property limitation on bonds and other debt issued during the year? (Section 21-33-303) | Y |
| 2. | Has the municipality levied and collected taxes, in a sufficient amount for the retirement of general obligation debt principal and interest? (Section 21-33-87) | Y |
| 3. | Have the required trust funds been established for utility revenue bonds? (Section 21-27-65) | Y |
| 4. | Have expenditures of bond proceeds been strictly limited to the purposes for which the bonds were issued? (Section 21-33-317) | Y |
| 5. | Has the municipality refrained from borrowing, except where it had specific authority? (Section 21-17-5) | Y |

**PART V - Taxes and Other Receipts**

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| 1. | Has the municipality adopted the county ad valorem tax rolls? (Section 27-35-167) | Y |
| 2. | Are interest and penalties being collected on delinquent ad valorem taxes? (Section 21-33-53) | Y |
| 3. | Has the municipality conducted an annual land sale for delinquent ad valorem taxes? (Section 21-33-63) | Y |
| 4. | Have the various ad valorem tax collections been deposited into the appropriate funds? (Separate Funds for Each Tax Levy) (Section 21-33-53) | Y |
| 5. | Has the increase in ad valorem taxes, if any, been limited to amounts allowed by law? (Sections 27-39-320 and 27-39-321) | Y |
| 6. | Are local privilege taxes collected from all businesses located within the municipality, except those exempted? (Section 27-17-5) | Y |
| 7. | Are transient vendor taxes collected from all transient vendors within the municipality, except those exempted? (Section 75-85-1) | Y |
| 8. | Is money received from the state's "Municipal Fire Protection Fund" spent only to improve municipal fire departments? (Section 83-1-37) | Y |



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| 9. | Has the municipality levied or appropriated not less than 1/4 mill for fire protection and certified to the county it provides its own fire protection or allowed the county to levy such tax? (Sections 83-1-37 and 83-1-39) | Y |
| 10. | Are state-imposed court assessments collected and settled monthly? (Section 99-19-73, 83-39-31, etc.) | Y |
| 11. | Are all fines and forfeitures collected when due and settled immediately to the municipal treasury? (Section 21-15-21) | Y |
| 12. | Are bids solicited by advertisement or, under special circumstances, three appraisals obtained when real property is sold? (Section 21-17-1) | Y |
| 13. | Has the municipality determined the full and complete cost for solid waste for the previous fiscal year? (Section 17-17-347) | Y |
| 14. | Has the municipality published an itemized report of all revenues, costs and expenses incurred by the municipality during the immediately preceding fiscal year in operating the garbage or rubbish collection or disposal system? (Section 17-17-348) | Y |
| 15. | Has the municipality conducted an annual inventory of its assets in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of the State Auditor? (MMAAG) | Y |

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**(MUNICIPAL NAME)**

**Certification to Municipal Compliance Questionnaire**

**Year Ended September 30, 2026**

We have reviewed all questions and responses as contained in this Municipal Compliance Questionnaire for the Municipality of Senatobia, and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, all responses are accurate.

_____ _____
(City Clerk's Signature) (Mayor's Signature)

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(Date) (Date)

Minute Book References:

Book Number _____

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*(Clerk is to enter minute book references when questionnaire is accepted by board.)*

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Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to approve the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire FYE 2026. All voting yea, motion carried.

Go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Economic Development and Police Personnel

Motion was made by Alderman Dear, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to approve going into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session for Economic Development and Police Personnel. All voting yea, motion carried.

Go into Executive Session for Economic Development and Police Personnel

Motion was made by Alderman Underwood, seconded by Alderman McConnell, to authorize to go into Executive Session for Economic Development and Police Personnel. All voting yea, motion carried.

Approve the Economic Development Services Agreement with Tate County Economic Development Foundation, Inc.

Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman Underwood, to approve the Economic Development Services Agreement with Tate County Economic Development Foundation, Inc., also authorize Mayor Graves to sign. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Underwood, Alderman Dear, Alderman Garrett, and Alderman Tanksley.
Those voting “Nay”: Alderman McConnell.
Motion Carried.

Approve the Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Authorizing Industrial Site Identification, Site Control, and Environmental Due Diligence, with Tate County Economic Development Foundation, Inc.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI**

**AUTHORIZING INDUSTRIAL SITE IDENTIFICATION, SITE CONTROL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE**

WHEREAS, the City of Senatobia, Mississippi recognizes that the City currently lacks a sufficient inventory of industrial sites that are under control and adequately due-diligence to allow the City of Senatobia and its communities to compete effectively for new industrial and economic development projects;

WHEREAS, competitive economic development requires that prospective industrial properties be identified, evaluated, placed under meaningful public or economic-development control for a sufficient period of time, and subjected to appropriate environmental, cultural, engineering, geotechnical, and other due diligence so that development constraints, risks, costs, and schedules can be understood before a project is committed;

WHEREAS, the City of Senatobia, Mississippi desires to work cooperatively with Tate County Economic Development Foundation, Inc. (the "EDF") and Tate County, Mississippi to identify and evaluate properties suitable for industrial and economic development within the general search area depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the EDF is uniquely positioned to coordinate property identification, landowner discussions, option negotiations, professional consultants, site investigations, due diligence, and related economic development activities on behalf of the participating public entities;

WHEREAS, the City of Senatobia, Mississippi and Tate County, Mississippi are expected to share the costs associated with securing options and completing due diligence, with the City of Senatobia, Mississippi's total share of such costs not to exceed **$412,500** without further authorization by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen;

WHEREAS, the parties contemplate that a portion of the authorized funds may be used to obtain options or other contractual site-control rights for terms of not less than three (3) years, together with extensions or other rights deemed appropriate, and that authorized funds may also be used to pay the costs of due diligence and professional services;

WHEREAS, due diligence may include, but shall not be limited to, Phase I and, when appropriate, Phase II environmental site assessments; cultural and archaeological resource studies; threatened and endangered species studies; wetlands delineation and jurisdictional review; floodplain and hydrologic studies; geotechnical, subsurface and soil studies; topographic and boundary surveys; utility and infrastructure assessments; title and ownership review; access and transportation analysis; and such other investigations as may reasonably be required to determine whether a site is developable and competitive for industrial use;

WHEREAS, the ultimate acquisition of any selected property may be undertaken by the EDF, Tate County, the City of Senatobia, an industrial development authority or similar entity hereafter created or designated, or an ultimate industrial or economic development end user, as circumstances warrant; and

WHEREAS, any acquisition of property using public funds shall be undertaken in accordance with applicable Mississippi law and all approvals required of the public entity providing such funds.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby authorize the EDF to identify, investigate, evaluate, negotiate for, and seek to place under option or other appropriate site-control mechanism properties that may be suitable for industrial or economic development, subject to the limitations of this Resolution.

2. Except as specifically authorized by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, properties considered for expenditure of City of Senatobia, Mississippi funds under this Resolution shall be located within the general search boundary shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. The EDF is authorized to communicate and negotiate with property owners and their representatives concerning potential options, extensions, purchase rights, access for testing, and related site-control matters. Any option funded pursuant to this Resolution should provide a control period of not less than three (3) years, unless a shorter period is specifically approved by the funding parties because of unusual circumstances.

4. The EDF is authorized to engage, coordinate, and oversee qualified engineers, environmental consultants, surveyors, archaeologists, biologists, geotechnical professionals, attorneys, title professionals, utility consultants, and other specialists necessary to evaluate the developability and competitiveness of candidate sites.

5. Authorized due diligence shall include, as appropriate, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, wetlands, floodplain, soils and geotechnical conditions, environmental conditions, surveys, title, utilities, transportation/access, drainage, infrastructure, and other studies reasonably necessary to determine whether a property is developable for industrial purposes.

6. The City of Senatobia, Mississippi expects to share the costs of property options, due diligence, and related professional services with Tate County, Mississippi. The maximum aggregate amount of City of Senatobia, Mississippi funds authorized under this Resolution shall not exceed **$412,500** unless increased by subsequent action of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

7. Expenditures of City of Senatobia, Mississippi funds shall be limited to authorized option payments, due diligence, professional services, testing, surveys, reports, and directly related site-development evaluation expenses. The EDF shall maintain appropriate records of expenditures and provide periodic reports to the City of Senatobia, Mississippi consistent with applicable agreements and legitimate prospect and property-negotiation confidentiality.

8. This Resolution does not itself authorize the purchase of any real property. Any eventual purchase with public funds shall require the approvals and procedures required by applicable Mississippi law and by the governing body or public entity providing the purchase funds.

9. Nothing herein requires that a property ultimately be purchased by the public entities. A selected site may ultimately be acquired by the EDF, Tate County, the City of Senatobia, an industrial development authority or similar entity, or an end user, subject to applicable law and the terms of the applicable option or purchase agreement.

10. The EDF is authorized to take such reasonable actions as are necessary to implement this Resolution, provided that no expenditure of City of Senatobia, Mississippi funds shall exceed the amount authorized herein and no property outside Exhibit A shall be pursued using City of Senatobia, Mississippi funds without specific authorization from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

11. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City of Senatobia and Tate County Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2026.

CITY OF SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
Name: Greg Graves
Title: Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

CITY OF SENATOBIA MISSISSIPPI

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**EXHIBIT A**

**GENERAL INDUSTRIAL SITE SEARCH AREA**

The shaded area shown on this map constitutes the general search boundary for purposes of this Resolution, unless the funding party specifically authorizes consideration of property outside the boundary.

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Motion was made by Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman Dear, to approve the Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, Authorizing Industrial Site Identification, Site Control, and Environmental Due Diligence, with Tate County Economic Development Foundation, Inc., and also authorize Mayor Graves to sign. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting “Aye”: Alderman Underwood, Alderman Dear, Alderman Garrett, and Alderman Tanksley.

Those voting “Nay”: Alderman McConnell.

Motion Carried.

Come out of Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Underwood, seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to authorize to come out of Executive Session. All voting yea, motion carried.

Authorize HVAC Unit Repairs at the Animal Shelter

Motion was made by Alderman Underwood, seconded by Alderman Garrett, to authorize to have HVAC Unit repairs completed at the Animal Shelter, paying up to $13,000.00. All voting yea, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Alderman Underwood, and seconded by Alderman Tanksley, to adjourn. All voting yea, motion carried.

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Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Harbin, City Clerk