



State of Mississippi
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
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Lieutenant Governor

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Mississippi Association of Supervisors
Attn: Derrick Surette, Executive Director
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Dear Supervisors:

This Session offered some great opportunities for our counties. I wanted to highlight a few bills which may be of particular interest to you.

This year, your boards will have the opportunity to vote for a much-needed pay raise for supervisors. Senate Bill 2719, authored by Senator David Parker, was one of my top priorities and it passed overwhelmingly in both chambers. Supervisors, starting in July, may vote to increase pay to between \$33,500 to \$54,000 depending on the county assessed valuation. You will have opportunities for two additional \$2,000 increases in 2024 and 2028. You have significant responsibilities, and your pay should be reflective of this.

The Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program created in Senate Bill 3056 and Senate Bill 2822 is a \$450 million grant program. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will administer a 1-to-1 matching grant for cities and counties receiving more than \$1 million from federal pandemic relief funds and a 2-to-1 matching grant for smaller cities receiving less than \$1 million. We know you are waiting for more guidance regarding the application for these funds. MDEQ will have regulations ready by July 1. We will keep you informed of their progress.

Additionally, House Bill 451 revised the definition of the 3 percent non-admitted policy fee collected on all premiums for insurance written by a surplus lines insurance producer for a policy from a nonadmitted insurer. Some of the annual funding from this source will now be dedicated to paying for cancer benefits for first responders, alleviating cities and counties of the burden of paying for such policies, and purchasing fire trucks and other equipment for our municipal, county, and volunteer fire departments.

Finally, Senate Bill 2335 revises how funds for the county and municipal fire rebate programs are allocated. Under the new formula, every county will receive a flat \$30,000. The bill also allows counties and municipalities to use the funds for EMS training and to pay volunteer firefighters.

Thank you for all you continue to do for our counties across the state. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Delbert".

C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor
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