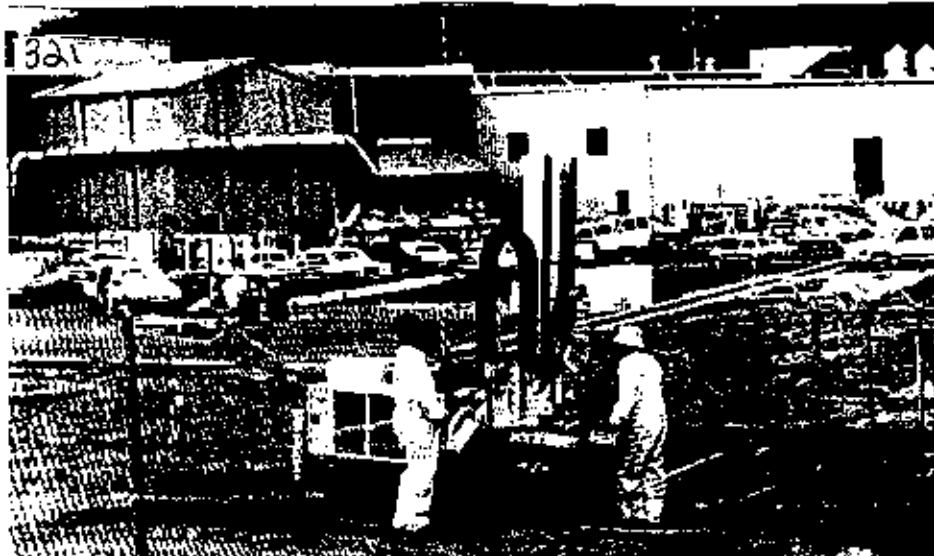


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THE METEOR
 Crystal Springs, Mississippi
 WEEKLY

MAY 17 00



CLEANUP OF PCB CONTAMINATION discovered at Kuhlman Electric is under way under the direction of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. The cleanup crew is shown drilling test holes on the

Kuhlman property. The contamination was discovered by the company as a site was prepared for an expansion. PCBs generally attach themselves to the soil, and contamination exposure is by direct contact.

MDEQ ensuring proper cleanup and remediation at Kuhlman Electric

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JULY 12 00

It's budget adjustment time in the city

Crystal Springs officials in regular monthly session last Wednesday adopted the annual budget adjustment document which will be published in the legal section of this newspaper.

Basically the city received \$121,679 more revenue than anticipated during the year bringing the total general fund budget to \$2,352,848

after amendment. Primary sources of this increase were playground donations and recoveries. The separate water and sewer fund revenues were as projected but total expenses exceeded revenue by \$7,149.

General fund expenditures totaled \$193,744 over the original budget amount of \$2,231,169. General gov-

ernment was over by \$27,500, primarily in contractual services; police department over \$45,484, primarily because of contractual services; fire department over \$11,000 primarily because of contractual services; public works was under budget by \$6,500 primarily in lease payments; parks and recreation over \$32,444 primarily be-

cause of playground equipment purchases which were largely donated. Industrial Project

The city adopted a resolution basically reaffirming its intention to use some city funds or cap loss funds to match a Community Development Block Grant to provide infrastructure to the private industrial park being developed on Highway 27 north of the city.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Webb pointed out that budget worksheets for the new fiscal year were due at city hall.

He reported that a sample franchise cable agreement from Galaxy Cable television has been received and city officials need to determine the franchise percentage that they want to request from the company. Five percent is the legal limit and the present cable supplier has been paying three percent but only on basic service. Under the new agreement, the franchise amount is expected to be handled as a pass-through on the customer's bill.

The mayor also reported that a large donation is anticipated on the playground equipment for Chautauque Park and a definite announcement is planned later.

Tolerable levels of PCBs in the fish at Lake Chautauque are being studied so the cleanup there can move forward. The city expects to meet with the principals in the matter by the end of the month to see what the next steps are.

Other items in the mayor's packet included a list of legislative bills impacting municipalities and a letter from Senator Lynn Posey updating the city on the progress of the Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks lake expected to be constructed west of Crystal Springs beginning in August.

Other Matters

The resignation of a police officer was accepted and advertisement for a replacement was authorized.

Public Works Assistant Denny Vail was advanced to Step Three compensation as he has passed his water operator test.

A citizen and her attorney were present to question the city about regulation of number of vehicles on a city lot and the city attorney responded that he would study the related ordinances and have a response at the next meeting.

Officials recessed until Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m.

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JULY 19 00
**DEQ schedules
August sessions**

The state Department of Environmental Quality has scheduled workshops next month to help local government officials understand environmental regulations.

The registration deadline is Thursday. The workshops are set in Cleveland, Jackson, Ocean Springs and Tupelo between Aug. 2 and 16.

For more information, call (602) 328-2171.

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JULY 19 00

WATER ALERT: State health officials and local management formed a precautionary high-water alert Tuesday for customers who get drinking water from the North Side Water Association No. 3, Edwards.

This alert affects only those customers on 1-20 Frontage Road, Pleasant Hill Road and Carol John Road.

A break in a line caused the system to lose pressure. Officials consider any system that loses pressure contaminated and will test press observations.

Customers are urged to boil water for one minute before consuming it.

Another alert will be issued when tests show the water is safe to drink.

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JUNE 28 00

**Some PCBs
found in fish
in Chautauqua**

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PCBs accumulate in the fatty tissues of fish and are usually higher in the larger and older fish. Because of this MDEQ is concerned more with the consumption of larger fish in the lake. MDEQ will be conducting additional sampling and analysis of fish from Lake Chautauqua and will share results with residents as they become available.

PCBs are a group of organic chemicals in various mixtures that were used primarily as cooling agents in electrical transformers and other electrical devices. The use of PCBs was banned in 1977.

JUNE 21 00



NO FISHING signs were posted at Lake Chautauqua late Friday after the DEQ issued a warning that the fish from the lake should not be eaten because of PCBs found in some fish samples. Robert Sims, public works superintendent, and Billy Garland, parks and recreation director, urge citizens not to fish in the lake until further notice.

Lake Chautauqua water clean, limited consumption of fish advised

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Additionally, the MDEQ has completed 87-site sampling and analysis of water at the city's swimming pool on Lee Avenue. The MDEQ has advised the city that they may open the swimming pool. Test results taken from the Crystal Springs water supply also indicate no contamination.

JUNE 14 00

Crystal Springs drinking water safe to drink according to DEQ

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) announced Friday that the drinking water supply in Crystal Springs is safe to drink. MDEQ has taken samples of the city's drinking water supply and test results confirm that it is not contaminated.

"We sampled the Crystal Springs water supply after hearing in citizens' concerns of possible contamination in their drinking water following the discovery of potential contamination at the Kuhlman Electric facility," said Jerry Bates, MDEQ Hazardous Waste Division chief. "The results confirm, and we are happy to say that, the residents can drink their water without fear." MDEQ is working with the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) to ensure that the drinking water supply remains safe to drink. MSDH will be routinely sampling the Crystal Springs water supply to assure residents that they have safe drinking water.

JUNE 14 00

County receives grant for solid waste

Jefferson Davis County recently received \$15,523 for the employment of a solid waste enforcement officer and to clean-up existing unpermitted dumping in the county, according to the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality. The county solicited a grant along with other cities and counties to prevent and clean up unpermitted dumpsites.

The Commission also awarded solid waste assistance grants to the Town of Ridgely in the amount of \$15,000 and the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority in the amount of \$123,076 for recycling programs. Issaquena County was awarded \$20,500 grant for waste tire collection sites.

Leflore County proposed to utilize funding assistance of \$17,500 to clean-up existing unpermitted dumping and to provide public education on the proper management of solid waste.

Cities and Counties throughout Mississippi can compete for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of

Environmental Quality. The next grant application deadline is October 1, 2000. For more information and to receive a grant application, contact Lois Murillo or Donna DeWolf, MDEQ, P.O. Box 10045, Jackson, MS, 39229 or call 601-961-5171.

JUNE 14 00

PRCDA told about urea plant tests

By JOHN McMUJIAN
Special to The Democrat

The Pearl River County Development Association heard from a member of the Politics and Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors who said recent tests conducted by MS Carbamate will have to be performed again.

Julia Anderson, a member of the committee which backs the test and test of MS Carbamate moving into the county, said the company has completed a test well, but the company will have to test again because they tested for quality and not quantity.

Anderson also gave each board member a typed copy outlining that Mississippi Chemical Corp. requested a net loss of \$5.2 million on sales of \$129.6 million for the third quarter ending March 31.

The board also outlined the possible dangers of a new plant and listed three plants which exploded since 1974.

MS Carbamate has been operating for about four years to locate a urea plant just north of Poplarville. If built, the development plan it would employ between 400 and 500 people.

In other business, the association:

- Took no action in executive session on an assumed "project."

- Heard a Tourism Committee report from Carolyn Moody.

- Heard a Retirement Development report from Randy Schell.
- Accepted the minutes of the April 24 meeting.

- Accepted the financial statement.

- Heard an update on the possibility of locating a Chevron facility at the airport.

- Discussed the strategic planning process.

- Requested PRCDA executive director Stephen Surles to contact state Economic Development executive director J.C. Burns about speaking at the PRCDA Salute to Industry Banquet to be held in July or August.

- Heard an update from Surles on existing assistance for two industries.

- Took discussion on a county-wide business directory.

- Heard a report on Mississippi Market, a "trade show" where state retail merchants showcase their goods.

- Discussed its charter, which has been completed and filed with the state tax commission.

- Discussed the strategic planning process, which has been placed on hold.

- Discussed the National Plastics Exposition to be held June 19-23.

- Discussed writing for a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality on the application from MS Carbamate.

JUNE 14 '90
City's treatment plant honored

The Mississippi Water Environment Association has named the City of Waynesboro's Wastewater Treatment Plant runner-up for Outstanding Facility of the Year.

The facility award is based on a state-wide competition among all public and private mechanical facilities. Plants are evaluated on a number of items, including maintenance records, lab results, plant appearance and cost of operation.

The original Waynesboro plant, called an extended aeration activated sludge plant, was con-

structed in 1975 and began operation in 1976. It has the capacity to treat 1.25 million gallons of wastewater per day. The second plant, called an oxidation ditch activated sludge plant, was constructed in 1998 and has the capacity to treat 1 million gallons of wastewater per day. The combined capacity of the plant could handle the wastewater from a population of approximately 20,000.

During the past 25 years, the Mississippi Water Environment Association has complimented the Waynesboro plant (Outstanding

Facility of the Year three times.

The plant is staffed by three full-time employees. Rodney Parker is plant manager, Derwin Heathcock is assistant operator, and Lewis McInnis is in charge of general maintenance.

"The special recognition given Waynesboro's treatment plant is something we're proud of," said Waynesboro Mayor Marshall Wood. "Millions of Waynesboro's dollars have been invested in this facility, and it currently requires an operation and maintenance budget of \$200 thousand per year. The recogni-

tion given the plant is runner-up in the state indicates that those in charge of its operation are doing a first-class job and are good stewards over the tremendous financial investment of public money there. This encourages me not only as a mayor but also as a taxpayer."

The plant employees and other city officials will attend an awards luncheon Thursday, June 14, in Jackson, where Leaf River Forest Products will receive the first-place award and the City of Waynesboro will be recognized as runner-up.

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Further PCB complications close pool, cancel swim lessons

Further complications from PCB (polychlorinated biphenols) have surfaced in Crystal Springs according to Mayor Hugh Webb.

The Department of Environmental Quality notified the mayor at the end of last week that PCB's have been detected at the Lee Avenue swimming pool and along a drainage ditch under Fulgham Avenue which makes its way to Lake Chautauqua.

Tests completed this week indicate that there is no contamination of the city's drinking water, and arrangements have been made for follow up testing.

The city has cancelled its plans to open the Lee Avenue swimming pool until further tests are completed and health authorities say it is safe to open the pool. Plans for swimming lessons, etc. at the pool have been cancelled.

Problems at the pool are thought to center around an old water well that is used exclusively to fill this pool but the extent of the problem will not be known until tests are complete. The PCB's at the pool are structurally different from the problem material at the Kuhlman site according to the preliminary assessment.

DEQ has been asked to advise the city whether to limit the recreational use of Lake Chautauqua or not. Levels of contamination at the entry of the drainage ditch into the lake are low and tests several yards into the lake do not show contaminants.

City, Kuhlman/Bourg Warner cleanup contractors, and DEQ representatives had scheduled a meeting for Wednesday at city hall.

Tom Connerly of Backflow Solutions, a city contractor, has agreed to assist the city in dealing with the contamination issues. Connerly has previous experience with PCB's in the county with the Potter cleanup in Wesson. Crystal Springs is beginning to look at what funding or assistance will be available if the city has a problem that is not related to the industrial cleanup.

THIS WEEK — In Crystal Springs

Please call 892-2581 by Friday at noon to place listings in the calendar.

Harmony

GRAVEL TRUCKS make up a lot of money Road, and the weight of the caused the much-repaired road to Gravel mining is one of the largest in Copiah County, and several g

No protest

Copiah County's board of supervisors was occupied with industrial and economic development matters during Monday's regular session.

The board passed a resolution to go ahead with the issuance of bonds to make the planned improvements to the county industrial park at Gallin.

The memorandum of understanding with Discount Auto Parts calls for improvements to be made within a certain schedule, so the board decided to go ahead with a bond issue just in case grant money is not available to fully fund the project. Until the county is notified of the amount of grant money awarded, the final amount needed from the bonds can not be determined.

An application to the Department of Economic and Community Development for MDOT access road on the same project was authorized.

Bob Smira, economic development director, reported on his conversation with...