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WORKING FOR YOU: SECOND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

The Commission was honored to host its Second Annual Memorial Day Flag Folding Ceremony May 5 at the Mississippi Veterans Monument in downtown Jackson, bringing together community members, state partners, and veterans from Mississippi's utility companies to honor those in Mississippi who gave their lives in service to our nation. The ceremony featured participating veterans, a posting of the colors by the Mississippi State Guard, a powerful Black Hawk flyover by the Mississippi National Guard, and moving bagpipe music by Kris Carmichael. As we reflect on the courage and sacrifice of Mississippi's fallen heroes, we hold close the meaning of Memorial Day—honoring all who served with deepest gratitude.

Upcoming at the Commission

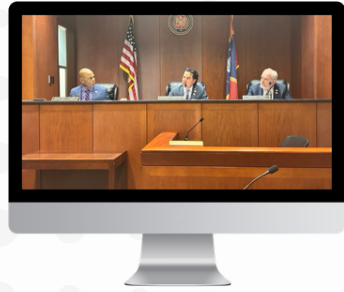
- June 15-17** **Mississippi Association of Supervisors 2026 Annual Convention & Expo**
MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Biloxi, MS
- June 18** **Commission's June Open Meeting**
Commission's Hearing Room
- June 23-24** **MPSC's From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Storm Preparedness Summit**
Tupelo High School Performing Arts Center

MAY OPEN MEETING

The Commission conducted its May Open Meeting Tuesday, May 5 to consider items on the docket.

[AGENDA](#)

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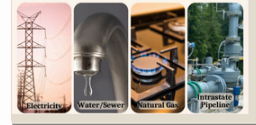


Staff members Jared Morrison, Karen Strickland, Taylor Kelly, and Rachael Ring (pictured left to right), along with Commissioner Stamps, enjoyed another successful year participating in the Mississippi Rural Water Association's Annual Management & Technical Conference & Exhibition on the Gulf Coast. As we head into the hottest months, we're especially grateful for the water operators whose expertise and dedication keep Mississippi's systems running safely and reliably. We also appreciate the leadership of MSRWA CEO Kirby Mayfield and the continued support of the association's staff and board, whose work strengthens communities across the state.

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SAVE THE DATE!

MSSCAUG + MAST
Mississippi Coastal Central Arc Users Group

COMBINED USER MEETING

UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOCUSED

A full day of training, demonstration and education for anyone who works with utilities.

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026
TIME: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
LOCATION: JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

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SAVE THE DATE

From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Storm Preparedness Summit

Tuesday, June 23rd & Wednesday, June 24th, 2026

Agenda Available Soon!

Tupelo High School Performing Arts Center
4125 Golden Wave Drive
Tupelo, MS

Hosted by the Mississippi Public Service Commission

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Highlights from the Northern District:



SEARUC Annual Education Conference

As President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, I was proud for Mississippi to host the SEARUC Annual Education Conference in Biloxi last week. The conference brought together commissioners, utility leaders, and energy professionals from across the Southeast for several days of meaningful discussion surrounding the future of utility regulation and infrastructure reliability.

The conference provided an opportunity for states across our region to come together and share ideas on some of the most important issues facing utility providers and ratepayers today. Discussions focused heavily on grid reliability, disaster preparedness, energy generation, infrastructure resilience, and the growing need to ensure long-term affordability and dependability for the people.

I was also glad to moderate discussions surrounding the growing importance of nuclear energy and the role advanced nuclear technologies could play in strengthening long-term reliability, meeting future energy demand, and helping secure a stable energy future for our region.

One of the defining moments of the conference was seeing leaders from across the Southeast united around a common goal: preparing our states for the challenges ahead while continuing to provide reliable service to the people who depend on us every day.

I am grateful to everyone who helped make this year's conference such a success and remain committed to pursuing practical policies that prioritize reliability, affordability, and strong infrastructure for our ratepayers.



Lafayette County Board of Supervisors

I recently had the opportunity to visit with the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors and discuss ongoing work taking place at the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

Meetings like these are important because they allow state and local leaders to stay connected on the issues impacting our communities. We discussed infrastructure, utility-related concerns, and the continued recovery efforts following Winter Storm Fern as communities across North Mississippi continue moving forward. I appreciate the Board's leadership and their continued commitment to serving the people of Lafayette County.



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Central District



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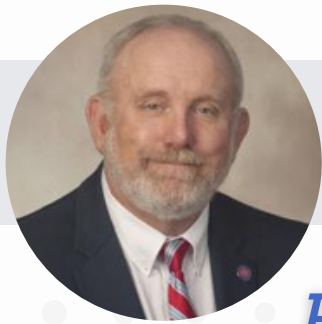
- A Living Testimony: Dorcus Curry Thigpen (70th Birthday/Retirement Celebration) - May 3rd**
 Commissioner Stamps joined the Thigpen and Curry families in celebrating the 70th Birthday and retirement of Dorcus Curry Thigpen during the special event, "A Living Testimony." The occasion honored Mrs. Thigpen's remarkable legacy and 37 years of faithful service, commitment and submission to God's assignment for her life, including her retirement from the legendary Mississippi Mass Choir. During the celebration, Commissioner Stamps spoke on Mrs. Thigpen's years of leadership, contribution to the gospel music industry and the generations she has touched across the world through ministry and music. He also reflected on the deep-rooted talent, faith and impact present throughout the entire Thigpen and Curry families. The celebration also featured Public Service Commission-Central District's Communications Director Michelle Boyd - also known as on-air talent and host "Chelle B" - who served as host of the VIP reception and opening portion of the evening's celebration.
- Kemper County Check Presentation - May 4th**
 Commissioner Stamps traveled to Kemper County to attend the Kemper County Board of Supervisors meeting and participate in a special check presentation benefiting the county. The presentation reflected the Mississippi Public Service Commission's continued commitment to ensuring counties and municipalities receive the resources and support they deserve from utility companies operating throughout the state. Commissioner Stamps emphasized that serving communities and advocating for constituents across Mississippi remains a top priority.
- Mississippi Top 100 - May 13th**
 Commissioner Stamps attended the Mississippi Top 100 event celebrating influential leaders, innovators and changemakers making an impact throughout the state. The gathering provided an opportunity to engage with business, civic and community leaders focused on Mississippi's continued growth and advancement. Commissioner Stamps emphasized the importance of collaboration, leadership and public service in moving Mississippi forward.
- SEARUC - May 18th**
 Commissioner Stamps attended the 2026 SEARUC Annual Education Conference on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, where he proudly participated in the presentation of the Pledge of Allegiance and served as moderator for a featured panel discussion. This year, Mississippi proudly served as host for the conference under the leadership of Chris Brown, welcoming commissioners, utility leaders, policy experts and innovators from across the Southeast for several days of collaboration, education and forward-thinking dialogue surrounding energy, infrastructure, water sustainability and utility regulation. Commissioner Stamps also extended a special acknowledgment to Director of Public Affairs, Rachael Ring, for her leadership and coordination efforts that helped make SEARUC 2026 a successful and impactful experience for attendees throughout the region.
- SuperTalk Mississippi - May 19th (SEARUC)**
 Commissioner Stamps joined SuperTalk Mississippi to discuss key takeaways from the 2026 SEARUC Annual Education Conference. During the interview, he highlighted the importance of regional collaboration, innovation, infrastructure investment and keeping constituents informed on issues impacting utilities and public service across Mississippi and the Southeast. The conversation also emphasized Mississippi's role in helping shape future discussions surrounding energy and economic development.
- Hinds Community College (Raymond) Linemen Graduation - May 21st**
 Commissioner Stamps attended the Hinds Community College Linemen Graduation and field demonstrations in Raymond, Mississippi, where students showcased the discipline, training and physical demands required in the utility profession. From climbing utility poles with weighted equipment to participating in real-world simulation exercises, graduates demonstrated the hard work and dedication it takes to help keep Mississippi powered and connected. Commissioner Stamps congratulated the graduates and emphasized the importance of supporting and retaining young professionals who will help strengthen Mississippi's utility infrastructure and serve communities across the state for generations to come.
- Mississippi Public Service Commission's Annual Memorial Day Flag Folding Ceremony - May 25th**
 As a military veteran, Commissioner Stamps joined fellow commissioners, veterans and community members for the Mississippi Public Service Commission's Annual Memorial Day Flag Folding Ceremony honoring America's fallen heroes. During the ceremony, Commissioner Stamps reflected on the true meaning of Memorial Day, emphasizing that while many people recognize Memorial Day as an act of honor and respect, remembering carries a far deeper meaning for those who have served alongside fallen soldiers. He shared that remembrance means carrying the faces, names, sacrifices and memories of fellow servicemen and women every single day - especially those he personally knew, served alongside and honorably led. Commissioner Stamps also reminded attendees that Memorial Day transcends politics, stating, "It's not about being Republican or Democrat... it's about being American," while encouraging all Americans to never forget the courage, sacrifice and service of those who gave their lives defending our nation.
- Southern Pine Joint Electric Cooperatives Media Day (Taylorsville) - May 12th**
 Commissioner Stamps attended the Southern Pine Joint Electric Cooperatives Media Day in Taylorsville alongside media partners, communicators and cooperative leaders from across Mississippi for a day of collaboration, networking and strategic discussion. Conversations centered around emergency preparedness, crisis communication, storm restoration efforts and the importance of ensuring communities remain informed, connected and prepared before, during and after severe weather events. The event also highlighted public messaging, constituent engagement and educating consumers on ways to better manage energy usage, reduce strain on power grids and help save on utility costs throughout the changing seasons of the year. Through presentations and dialogue, attendees gained valuable insight into how electric cooperatives and media outlets can work together more effectively to deliver timely, accurate information when Mississippians need it most. Commissioner Stamps expressed appreciation to Southern Pine Electric and the joint electric cooperatives for hosting an impactful Media Day experience focused on service, communication and keeping communities first.



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Wayne Carr

Southern District



Highlights from the Southern District:



- As hurricane season approaches, now is the time to prepare— not when a storm is already in the Gulf. Taking simple steps today, like creating an evacuation plan, stocking emergency supplies, updating insurance information, and securing your home, can protect your family, reduce stress, and help you stay ahead of the storm.
- I want to recognize and thank Mississippi’s teachers, professors, instructors, and workforce trainers who invest in the next generation every single day. From classrooms and universities to trade schools and workforce training programs, these dedicated educators are preparing young people for careers, leadership, and opportunity while helping build a stronger future for Mississippi.
- I was honored to participate in SEARUC on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and spend time working alongside leaders from across the Southeast on the energy issues impacting our region. These conversations are important because keeping energy affordable, reliable, and being prepared for the future requires strong cooperation, shared ideas, and a continued focus on serving Mississippi families and businesses well.
- Delta Utilities customers will soon have a new and easier way to manage their natural gas accounts. On June 1, Delta Utilities will launch the new myDU Hub at <http://DeltaUtilities.com>.
- Congratulations to Pearl River Community College Athletics for winning their first Division II National Championship!!

PREPARE BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

A LITTLE PREP TODAY = A LOT LESS STRESS TOMORROW

- CREATE AN EVACUATION PLAN**
Know where you’re going and how to get there.
- ASSEMBLE AN EMERGENCY KIT**
Food, Water, Chargers, Batteries, Medicine, Flashlights, Radio
- REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE POLICY**
Understand your coverage and document your possessions.
- DEVELOP A COMMUNICATION PLAN**
Keep a written list of important contacts.
- PREPARE AND STRENGTHEN YOUR HOME**
Secure windows, clear debris, and check your roof.

BE PREPARED. STAY SAFE. PROTECT WHAT MATTERS.
A few simple steps today can make all the difference tomorrow.

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY IS AN AMAZING TEACHER.

Happy Teacher Appreciation WEEK!

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

THANK YOU FOR INSPIRING MINDS, SHAPING FUTURES, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY SINGLE DAY!



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