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WORKING FOR YOU: FROM RECOVERY TO RESILIENCE: MISSISSIPPI STORM PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT HELD IN TUPELO

On June 23-24, Mississippi utility leaders, emergency managers, first responders, elected officials, faith-based organizations, and public servants gathered in Tupelo for the "From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Storm Preparedness Summit" to learn from Winter Storm Fern and strengthen the state's preparedness for future emergencies. The two-day event featured discussions and panels aimed at building stronger partnerships, along with the recognition of individuals and organizations whose extraordinary service during Winter Storm Fern made a lasting difference in their communities. Organizers emphasized that disaster preparedness requires collaboration across all sectors, and while the summit has concluded, the relationships strengthened and commitments renewed will help Mississippi build a stronger, more resilient response to future challenges. The Commission looks forward to continuing these conversations on the Mississippi Gulf Coast this fall. Stay tuned!

Upcoming at the Commission

July 7 Commission's July Open Meeting
Commission's Hearing Room

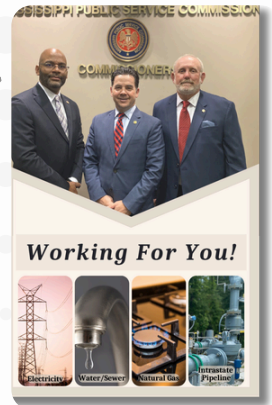
JUNE OPEN MEETING

The Commission conducted its June Open Meeting Thursday, June 18 to consider items on the docket.

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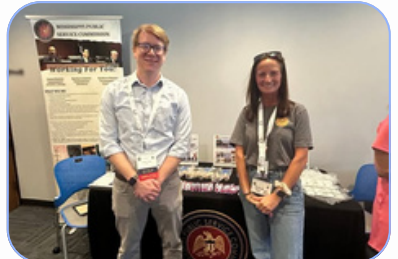
Staff members from the Mississippi Public Service Commission, along with Commissioner Stamps and Commissioner Carr, were honored to participate in the 97th Annual Convention & Expo of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors in Biloxi earlier this month. Commissioners and staff engaged with county leaders, legislators, and exhibitors from across all 82 counties. Under this year's theme — First Response Starts Local: Working as 1 — the convention recognized the dedication of first responders, military personnel, and emergency response partners who serve on the front lines daily. We appreciate the opportunity to connect with Mississippi's local leaders as we remain committed to collaborative service to our state. [MORE](#)



Staff members from the Mississippi Public Service Commission, along with Commissioner Stamps and Commissioner Carr, enjoyed attending the Mississippi Municipal League's 95th Annual Conference in Biloxi earlier this week! It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with municipal leaders from across the state, share updates, and discuss how the PSC can continue supporting Mississippi communities. Thank you to the MML for hosting a fantastic event! [MORE](#)



The Mississippi Public Service Commission proudly recognizes Leif Mylroie (GISP, CSM, Mississippi Public Utilities Staff) for presenting at the MSCAUG + MAST Combined GIS User Group Meeting, where he shared how the Commission is using new technology to improve the mapping systems that help oversee utilities statewide. We thank Leif for his expertise and dedication, and the organizers for creating a valuable space for collaboration among Mississippi's mapping and utility professionals. [MORE](#)



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Highlights from the Northern District:



Update on Holly Springs Utility District (June 19th)
 On June 19th, the City of Holly Springs, PSC General Counsel, and representatives from the Attorney General's Office appeared in Lafayette County Chancery Court for a preliminary hearing on the Holly Springs Utility District receivership case. The City agreed to confess all allegations pertaining to service quality, narrowing the matter before the court to the selection of a receiver, with a hearing now set for August 10th. This is a significant win for the people of the Holly Springs Utility District, as it saves time and keeps the focus on appointing a receiver. I'm grateful to the Attorney General's team, our General Counsel, and my staff in New Albany for their diligent work throughout this process.

From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Storm Preparedness Summit (June 23-24)
 This month, I was proud to host the "From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Storm Preparedness Summit" in Tupelo, bringing together utility leaders, emergency managers, first responders, elected officials, and faith-based organizations from across Mississippi. Over two days, we took an honest look at the lessons learned from Winter Storm Fern and discussed how stronger partnerships can better prepare our state for the next disaster. We also recognized several individuals and organizations whose extraordinary service during Winter Storm Fern made a lasting difference in their communities. I am grateful to everyone who took part, and I remain committed to building on the relationships and lessons from this summit as we work toward a stronger, more resilient Mississippi.

Conservative Coalition of Oxford (June 25)
 I recently had the opportunity to speak with the Conservative Coalition of Oxford about the work underway at the Mississippi Public Service Commission. We discussed where the Commission stands today, what's ahead in the coming months, and the policy decisions that will help shape Mississippi's energy future. Meetings like these are valuable opportunities to stay connected with the people we serve and talk plainly about the issues that matter most to North Mississippi ratepayers.



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Central District



Highlights from the Central District:

▶ **Crystal Springs Community Visit (PRE-Tomato Festival) - June 1st**

Ahead of Crystal Springs' annual Tomato Festival, Commissioner Stamps visited his hometown—affectionately known as the "Tomatopolis of the World"—to reconnect with residents, support local businesses and tour community landmarks. The visit highlighted the city's preparations for one of its signature annual events while celebrating the hometown pride, history and collaboration that make Crystal Springs a destination for visitors each year and reconnecting with the roots that helped shape the man he is today.

▶ **Holmes County TRIAD Meeting - June 3rd**

Commissioner Stamps joined community leaders, seniors and advocates at the Holmes County TRIAD meeting in Lexington, where he discussed emergency preparedness, community collaboration and proactive planning. He also introduced the Public Service Champions initiative, encouraging residents to stay engaged and work together to strengthen communities throughout the Central District.

▶ **Amazon Web Services (AWS) Ribbon Cutting - June 9th**

Commissioner Stamps joined state, local and industry leaders for the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Clinton, celebrating a major investment in Mississippi's digital infrastructure. Following the ceremony, he toured the construction site and discussed the critical role of responsible utility regulation, energy infrastructure and data centers in supporting the state's economic future.

▶ **Juneteenth Extravaganza Citywide Line Dance powered by The City of Jackson and the 99 Jams Morning Show - June 18th**

Commissioner Stamps joined residents at the City of Jackson and 99 JAMS Morning Show's Juneteenth Extravaganza Citywide Line Dance, celebrating Black Music Month, culture and community. Hosted in part by the Commissioner's Communications Director, Michelle "Chelle B" Boyd—who also serves as On-Air Talent and Content Creation Manager for 99 JAMS/KIXIE 107—the event included a special introduction to The Line Dance King Cupid, whose signature "Cupid Shuffle" is proudly the Commissioner's favorite and one—and only—line dance.

▶ **World Sickle Cell Day and Blood Donation - June 19th**

In recognition of World Blood Donor Day (June 14) and World Sickle Cell Day (June 19), Commissioner Stamps visited Mississippi Blood Services to support blood donation awareness and the Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation's efforts to address the ongoing need for donors. A consistent blood donor, Commissioner Stamps led by example by donating blood and reflected on how, through the years, June has become a meaningful time of service after discovering his annual donations often coincide with these important observances. He encouraged eligible Mississippians to give, emphasizing that a strong blood supply is essential for individuals living with sickle cell disease, trauma patients and others in need of lifesaving transfusions.

▶ **Preparing Our Faith-Based Communities for the Digital Economy - June 19th**

Commissioner Stamps joined faith leaders, community advocates and stakeholders at New Horizon Church for the Preparing Our Faith-Based Communities for the Digital Economy gathering. During his remarks, he emphasized the important role churches and faith communities play in preparing Mississippians to embrace opportunities in technology, infrastructure and the state's growing digital economy.

▶ **Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG) Press Conference - June 19th**

Commissioner Stamps joined retired U.S. Army Captain Moses A. West, founder of the Moses West Foundation and inventor, creator and innovator of the Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG-5000), for a press conference and live demonstration of groundbreaking technology that converts humidity in the air into clean drinking water. Trusted media partners—including WLBT 3 On Your Side, WAPT News and WJTV 12 News—helped showcase how this innovative solution can strengthen emergency preparedness, protect critical infrastructure and enhance long-term water security for Mississippi communities.

▶ **Neshoba County Fair Address - June 25th**

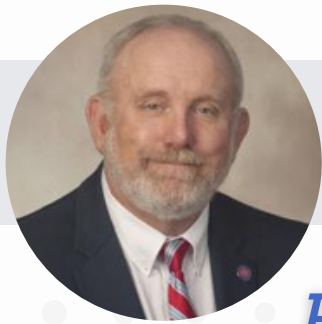
Commissioner Stamps addressed attendees at the historic Founder's Square Pavilion during the Neshoba County Fair—affectionately known as "Mississippi's Giant Houseparty." His remarks emphasized innovative leadership, infrastructure investment and governing with purpose, noting that when leaders prioritize politics over public service, public trust is diminished. Following his address, Commissioner Stamps continued the conversation in interviews with SuperTalk Mississippi and WJTV, reinforcing his vision for collaborative leadership and a stronger, more resilient Mississippi.



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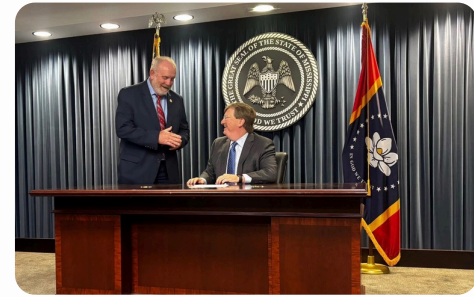
Southern District



Highlights from the Southern District:



- > June presented another busy month for our work in the Southern District for our great Mississippi residents. I was honored to be in attendance with Governor Tate Reeves for the signing of Senate Bill 2310 which amends Section 77-3-22 of the Mississippi Code to authorize the PSC to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide water service more than one mile outside its corporate borders when the PSC finds that service is inadequate. I appreciate the warm welcome from Governor Reeves and his staff.
- > Together with our office staff, we were honored to participate in the 97th Annual MAS Supervisors Convention here on the Gulf Coast where county leaders gathered. We had uplifting conversations with local leaders which deepened our collective commitment to serving communities throughout our great state. Thank you to all who participated for their unwavering dedication and commitment to serving our constituents.
- > Tropical storm Arthur showed us an unprecedented amount of flooding rainfall in the Southern District. This storm brought down saturated trees and power lines cutting off power to 93,000 customers statewide at its peak. Assessments by MEMA noted critical damage across public infrastructure, which included flooding and structural compromise of 65 public roads and two bridges. I would like to thank our utilities and local law enforcement agencies and first responders for their diligence in restoration of power and rescuing of residents from flooding areas to keep our families safe.
- > The Commission's recent "Recovery to Resilience" Summit in Tupelo, MS was organized to discuss and learn from Winter Storm Fern. This summit served as a powerful reminder that preparation, leadership, and a strong community are the cornerstones of effective crisis response. Leadership at every level is equally important. As Mississippi moves forward, the lessons from this summit must guide both planning and action. By investing in preparedness, strengthening coordination, and fostering the spirit of community that defines this great state, Mississippi can be not only ready to recover from future storms, but resilient enough to withstand them.



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