

**ORDER: SPREAD ON THE MINUTES THE REQUEST TO QUALIFY
AS A PARTICIPATING GOVERNING AUTHORITY TO
RECEIVE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE JUSTICE COURT
COLLECTIONS FUND**

Motion was made by Mike Pickens, duly seconded by Mike Roberts, to spread on the minutes the request to qualify as a participating governing authority to receive distributions from the Justice Court Collections fund.

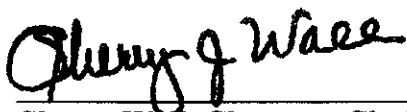
The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Mike Pickens, voted yes
Supervisor Jeff Busby, voted yes
Supervisor Robert Blackmon, voted yes
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 15th day of December, 2014.



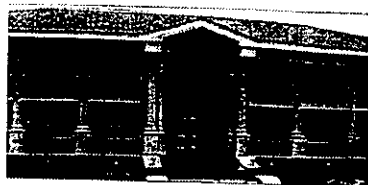
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Mississippi Department of Revenue
Agency Support Division
P.O. Box 22828
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Attention Agency Support:

Lafayette County is requesting to qualify as a participating governing authority and receive distributions from the Justice Court Collections Fund. As stated by the Department of Revenue I submit the following information:

1. Name of County- Lafayette
2. Contact Person- Joseph Johnson
P.O. Box 1240
Oxford, MS 38655
3. Collection entity- Tannehill, Carmean & McKenzie, PLLC
4. Contract- attachment

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call

Sincerely,

Joseph Johnson
Administrator

Attachment- Collections agreement

Justice Court Collections Fund

Miss. Code Ann. Section 9-11-35 authorizes the creation of the Justice Court Collections Fund administered by the MS Department of Revenue (DOR). There is created a \$7.50 assessment under the provisions of Section 99-19-73 (Other Misdemeanors) that will be deposited into the Justice Court Collection Fund. The monies deposited into the Justice Court Collection Fund can be distributed to participating counties. All fines and assessments must be collected by the court system and remitted to DFA in the usual monthly settlements.

In order to qualify as a participating municipality and receive any distribution of this Fund, the governing authority of the county must contract with a private attorney or private collection agent or agency to collect delinquent fines and other assessments as provided in Miss. Code Ann. Section 19-3-41 (2). Using a county employee does not qualify the county to receive the distribution. The county must contract with a collection entity.

That county must submit to the Department of Revenue the following information to be considered as participating:

1. The name of the county;
2. The name and address of the person or area that will be the contact for this program;
3. The name of the collection entity; and
4. A copy of the contract with the collection entity. The contract should include:
 - a. The services being performed by the collection entity (collection of delinquent assessments & fines)
 - b. The date the contract was signed

Only those counties which have contracted with a collection entity in accordance with the statute and have submitted the above information will be considered participating and are eligible for a distribution of the amount of the Justice Court Collections Fund fees. The county becomes eligible at the time the contract is in effect. Distributions will begin the next quarter and will not be retroactive prior to the time of contract.

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) will deposit the money into the funds using a formula approved by the State Auditor's Office. Each month two reports are issued showing the monies being deposited, the Report of City/County Fees Summary and the Report of City/County Fees. The DOR will consider those reports as the source documents on which to base the amount of distribution to the participating counties.

By the 10th of the month following the end of each calendar quarter (April 10th for Jan - Mar, July 10th for Apr - Jun, October 10th for Jul - Sep, and January 10th for Oct - Dec), the DOR will send a request of a distribution amount to be issued to each participating county to DFA. The participating county is not required to submit anything to request this distribution.

The monies from this Fund are to be used for:

- Support of salaries of justice court personnel;
- Purchase, operation and maintenance of software and equipment;
- Facility planning and improvement; and
- Other expenses incurred for the purpose of collecting fines and assessments within the justice court system;

Send all information and requests to the following address:

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