

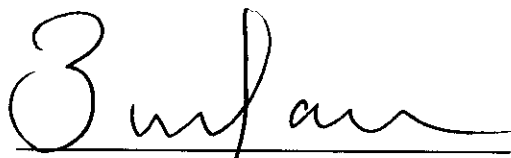
**ORDER: SPREAD ON THE MINUTES RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY
OF ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITE**

Motion was made by Scott Allen, duly seconded by Greg Bynum, to spread on the minutes Resolution declaring the necessity of establishing a temporary debris management site.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor John Morgan, voted yes
Supervisor Tim Gordon, voted yes
Supervisor Scott Allen, voted yes
Supervisor Greg Bynum, voted yes

After the vote, President Larson, declared the motion carried, this the 2nd day of February, 2026.



**Brent Larson, President
Board of Supervisors**



Mike Roberts, Chancery Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITES FOLLOWING THE JANUARY 23, 2026 ICE STORM

WHEREAS,

On or about **January 23, 2026**, Lafayette County, Mississippi experienced a severe ice storm that caused widespread damage to county-owned property, public rights-of-way, rural roads, drainage infrastructure, and private property throughout the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS,

The January 23, 2026 ice storm resulted in extensive damage to trees and vegetation, producing large quantities of downed trees, limbs, branches, and other vegetative debris that obstructed roadways, emergency access routes, drainage systems, and utility corridors within Lafayette County; and

WHEREAS,

These conditions posed an immediate threat to public health and safety, impeded emergency response and essential services, and delayed the restoration of normal transportation and utility operations; and

WHEREAS,

Lafayette County has conducted preliminary damage assessments and estimates that approximately **500,000 cubic yards (CY)** of storm-generated debris will require collection, staging, reduction, and disposal; and

WHEREAS,

The debris generated by the January 23, 2026 ice storm consists primarily of **vegetative debris**, including downed trees, limbs, branches, and other organic materials resulting from ice loading and tree failure; and

WHEREAS,

The efficient and environmentally responsible management of this volume of vegetative debris requires the establishment of one or more **Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS)** to allow for safe staging, processing (including grinding or chipping), and reduction prior to final disposition; and

WHEREAS,

A review of existing solid waste disposal and vegetative waste processing facilities within the immediate and surrounding area indicates that **no permitted landfills, transfer stations, or vegetative waste facilities currently have the capacity or operational ability to accept, process, or manage the anticipated volume of storm-generated vegetative debris within a reasonable timeframe;** and

WHEREAS,

Transporting the debris to distant facilities would result in excessive hauling distances, increased costs, operational inefficiencies, traffic and safety impacts, and delays in debris clearance, thereby prolonging hazards to public safety and delaying countywide recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS,

The establishment of temporary debris management sites within Lafayette County is necessary to support rapid debris removal, reduce public health and safety risks, and facilitate recovery following the disaster; and

WHEREAS,

Lafayette County intends to operate the TDMS in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations, including guidance from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and, if applicable, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and to restore each site to its original or an improved condition following closure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Lafayette County, Mississippi, that:

1. **Emergency Declaration**

An emergency is hereby declared as a result of the January 23, 2026 ice storm, necessitating extraordinary measures to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

2. **Authorization of Temporary Debris Management Sites**

Lafayette County authorizes the identification, use, and operation of one or more **Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS)** for the purpose of staging, processing, reducing, and managing storm-generated vegetative debris.

3. **Debris Type and Quantity**

The TDMS shall be used exclusively for **vegetative debris**, with an anticipated volume of approximately **500,000 cubic yards**, subject to adjustment based on ongoing damage assessments.

4. **Lack of Available Disposal Capacity**

It is formally found that there are **no available solid waste disposal or processing facilities in the immediate area** capable of accepting the volume and type of debris generated by the January 23, 2026 ice storm in a timely or practical manner.

5. **Regulatory Coordination**

County staff are directed to coordinate with MDEQ, FEMA, and other appropriate agencies to ensure compliance with applicable environmental, safety, and documentation requirements.

6. **Site Closure and Restoration**

Upon completion of debris management operations, Lafayette County shall ensure that each TDMS is properly closed, remediated as necessary, and returned to pre-use or approved post-use conditions.

7. **Effective Date**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Larson", written over a horizontal line.

**BRENT LARSON, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Final Disposal

Wood chips will be hauled to and disposed of at a MDEQ certified landfill.