

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEMBERS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DIST. 1. MIKE PICKENS
DIST. 2. JOHNNY MORGAN
DIST. 3. ROBERT BLACKMON
DIST. 4. LLOYD OLIPHANT, President
DIST. 5. RAY SOCKWELL, JR., Vice President



CLERK OF BOARD:
SHERRY WALL
BOARD ATTORNEY:
DAVID D. O'DONNELL

LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

300 N. LAMAR • P.O. BOX 1240
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI 38655
TELEPHONE: 662-234-6123
www.lafayettecoms.com

11 August 2008

**RE: Lafayette County Courthouse
Lafayette County Circuit Court**

To Whom It May Concern:

The best interest of Lafayette County is my primary concern. The issue of the Lafayette County Courthouse and the Lafayette County Circuit Court has spawned unpleasant and questionable behavior and comments from various persons.

Although I am confident the original Board decision would have withstood all legal challenges by the Lafayette County Bar Association, I am equally confident the end results of the challenge would have driven a wedge in our community and caused irreparable harm to the sovereignty of the Board of Supervisors as well as the Lafayette County Bar Association and its members.

As it is my desire to squelch and suspend the negativity surrounding this matter, I will not oppose the relocation of the Lafayette County Circuit Court or the Lafayette County Circuit Clerk to the newly renovated courthouse. Notwithstanding, there were sensible and prudent reasons, economic and otherwise, to keep the Circuit Court at the Chancery Building.

It is my plan to direct the Board's attention and energy to more productive matters that enhance the quality of life for every Lafayette County citizen.

Sincerely,

Lloyd N. Oliphant
President

cc: Supervisors Mike Pickens, Johnny Morgan, Robert Blackmon and
Ray Sockwell, Jr.
David D. O'Donnell – Lafayette County Board Attorney
Brooke Newman – Daniel Coker Horton & Bell, P.A. ✓