



All Eyes on Five...

WHY FOLKS “in the County” SUPPORT OneBoard—Part 1

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- Mississippi law **REQUIRES** a **Board of Supervisors** with 5 elected Supervisors in each County. We cannot get rid of the Board of Supervisors without a constitutional amendment and all 82 counties voting.
 - Folks who own property “in the County” are **ALREADY under the Board of Supervisors** as the **SOLE** governing board.
 - OneBoard means the Board of Supervisors will call all shots for the area and all County residents must approve things like Convention Center and Margaret Martin funding, instead of a handful.
 - OneBoard **ENDS** County concerns about **ANNEXATION** by City of Natchez. **Annexing property “in the County” means:**
 - *Property owner would immediately take on existing and new City debt.
 - *Property owner would immediately have to pay City property taxes.
 - OneBoard means “**ALL EYES ON FIVE**” **supervisors** instead of citizens having to watch 5 Supervisors, City Mayor, City Judge, and 6 Aldermen.
 - Mississippi law **does NOT REQUIRE municipalities** (cities, towns, villages). Cities are **OPTIONAL**. The Legislature has the power to create and dissolve municipalities. Sec. 88, Mississippi Constitution of 1890.
 - OneBoard means Board of Supervisors would govern with countywide planning rather than piecemeal planning subject to uncooperative City government. OneBoard **ENDS** the constant fight Natchez City government and its elected officials have with the Board of Supervisors over everything from law enforcement and fire protection, road repair, recreation, and other spending.
 - OneBoard means 5 Supervisors and the County Administrator can plan for needs of law enforcement, fire protection and lowering fire ratings, road repair, recreation, and other spending, without City interference.
 - OneBoard means the Board of Supervisors can promote and launch countywide economic development and regional relationships, as is done successfully around the United States, without interference of our uncooperative City government.
 - OneBoard means the Board of Supervisors can concentrate on fire protection and lowering fire ratings for the entire county not only for fire safety and taxpayer savings but also as an economic development tool.
 - OneBoard’s proposed legislation will include a tax diversion (i.e., taxes received now by the City continue but go to the Board of Supervisors).
 - See “Illustrative List: Current Money Sources of City to Become Money Sources for Board of Supervisors.”
 - Private-source monies due City would be deposited with the Board of Supervisors by operation of law. See “Illustrative List: Current Money Sources of City to Become Money Sources for Board of Supervisors”.
 - Board of Supervisors can appoint a Deputy County Administrator to oversee any unique needs of the Natchez Bluff Entertainment and Historic Tourism Area.
 - Board of Supervisors can exercise its authority to establish an Economic Development Area (EDA) for the Natchez Bluff Entertainment and Historic Tourism Area for special benefits associated with EDAs.
 - Property owners now in the City limits will retain responsibility for retiring existing City debt until the debt is paid off. The current county folks can never be forced to take on that City debt.
 - Residents in the current City will be assessed their *prorata* share of any fees for public services such as garbage collection just as those current “in the county” folks would be. That’s what each is doing now. No one should be getting a free ride now and none would after dissolution.
 - OneBoard means County fire protection would finally get done.
 - OneBoard means entire County can direct future development for the entire area, like successful communities (Nashville, Jacksonville).
 - OneBoard means cost savings for entire area due to consolidated buying power.
 - OneBoard means everything is done with the best interests of the County in mind—488 square miles.
 - OneBoard is about **SAVING OUR AREA!**
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