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Client Name:	Site Location:	Project No.
Jackson Co. BOS	Health Department Relocation	

Date	Data Point	Photo No.
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Direction Photo Taken:

Looking south from Vega St onto proposed site.

Description:

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Direction Photo Taken:

Looking east along Vega St toward curve in the road.

Description:

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Direction Photo Taken:

Looking southwest from curve on Vega St onto proposed site.

Description:

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Direction Photo Taken:

Vegetated area on proposed site.

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Direction Photo Taken:
Looking north toward Vega St. from the rear of the proposed site.

Description:

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Direction Photo Taken:
Looking west from the rear of the property toward a commercial building.

Description:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Transitional Recovery Office
220 Popps Ferry Rd, Building A – South
Biloxi, MS 39531

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June 23, 2009

Mr. Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Historic Preservation Division
P.O. Box 571
Jackson, MS 39205-0571

Re: Section 106 Review Consultation, Hurricane Katrina

Project Title: The Jackson County Health Department Building
4600 Vega Street
Pascagoula, MS

Applicant: Jackson County
Determination: No Historic Properties Affected
**** See Note at end of letter**

Dear Mr. Woodrick:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the lead Federal agency charged with assisting disaster-stricken communities throughout the United States, pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C., 5121 -5206c) and other related legislation.

In performing its mission in Mississippi, FEMA plans to provide funding through its Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program to Jackson County (Applicant) for the construction of a new County Health Department Building at 4600 Vega Street in Pascagoula. The existing Jackson County Health Department Building was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina causing severe damage to the facility's roof and overall structure. The County has chosen to do an improved project stating that it would be in the best interest of the public to apply its PA Funds to the replacement of the County's Health Department building with a larger modern facility. The facility's size has become inadequate for the amount of services it is now required to provide.

The **Area of Potential Effect** is a radius of .25 miles.

Description of the Undertaking: The existing structure is a one story, flat roofed, sprawling red brick building constructed in the 1960's. The original building and its additions have a total of 11,077 square feet. The building has few windows and a ramped main entrance. It is a simple utilitarian structure with no architectural or historical significance and does not meet Criteria G to be considered eligible for the National Register.

The new construction will be located approximately a quarter of a mile from the original location on Hospital Road on a county owned property with a municipal address of 4600 Vega Street. This is a vacant piece of land of approximately 2.9 acres with large Water Oak trees that have been marked to remain. The site occupies the corner where Vega Street makes a rounded V- turn. The V portion of the site will have a detention pond of .2 acres. The building, a modified cross in form; will be located in the middle of the site with parking surrounding it. Both the existing building and the new construction are in a Medical Park area. Singing River Hospital, the Heart Center, the Jackson County School for Exceptional Children and the Regional Cancer Center are all located in the immediate park like vicinity. Across Vega Street from the proposed site is the Jackson County Civic Center. It sits far back from the street with a parking area adjacent to the street. The County has temporary office structures adjacent to the Civic Center, including the Planning, Assessor, and GIS departments.

The proposed new structure will be 21, 000 square feet. The structural system of the new building will be steel columns, beams and open web steel joists with a metal roof deck. The exterior will be brick veneer with pre-finished aluminum storefront and a partial metal panel curtain wall system. Roofing will consist of a hot mopped modified-bitumen built-up roofing system. The interior will mainly consist of painted gypsum board walls with lay-in acoustical ceiling tiles and vinyl composition floor tile and carpet.

The project also contains alternates for a FEMA 361 attached shelter on the west side of the facility, and a penthouse storage area which would be accessed by a permanent steel stair and/or a hydraulic limited access, limited use elevator. The FEMA 361 shelter will be constructed of a concrete slab-on-grade with spot footings and continuous grade beams. The structure will consist of a steel frame system, with solid exterior concrete walls and brick veneer, and concrete roof panels. The penthouse storage will consist of a steel frame system with metal stud infill walls.

This is an improved project, no FEMA funds will be used for the disposition of the existing structure. The buildings surrounding the site of the proposed construction are modern/contemporary eclectic styled buildings which have neither architectural nor historical importance.

Archaeological Resources: The proposed project area is located on the USGS Pascagoula North, MS Quadrangle and is within the Coastal Pine Meadows Physiographic Region. The area is a relatively level, green space surrounded by developed commercial areas (Photos 1 and 2). Soils are recorded as a Bayou sandy loam, 0 to 1% slopes, at an elevation of approximately 17ft amsl (Web Soil Survey 2.2). Bayou sandy loams are described as poorly drained soils that formed in depressions with parent materials of loamy marine deposits. Presently, there are no water systems immediately adjacent to the proposed project. Bayou Chico is located approximately 0.3 mile to the southwest; Krebs Lake is located approximately 1.0 mile to the northwest; and Bayou Casotte is located approximately 1.0 mile to the northeast.

A review of the MDAH site files indicates there are no previously recorded sites within the project area; nor have any archaeological surveys been conducted that include the proposed project area. The closest recorded site is the Scholtes Site (22JA506) approximately 1.0 mile to the west. This site is recorded as a shell midden located on a back swamp of the present-day Krebs Lake. The Spanish Fort/La Pointe/Krebs House Site (22JA526) is located approximately 1.5 miles to the west. The site has European and Native American components and like the Scholtes Site is located on Krebs Lake, an ox bow of the Pascagoula River. Two sites are located less than two miles southwest of the project. The Michelle Shell Midden (22JA578) is an unevaluated shell midden/mound located on the east bank of the Pascagoula River. At least one human burial was reportedly found at this site. The Captain Grant Estate Site, 22JA728, is located to the southwest on a first terrace. The site was reportedly two mounds with one altered for a Confederate Battery. The eligibility of the site is unknown. 22JA674, an unnamed site, is located approximately 1.5 miles to the east on a first terrace and had ceramics recorded at the location. It is said to be ineligible due to its eroded condition.

Few formal archaeological surveys have been conducted in the general area. The nearest survey is 02-153, a small survey conducted approximately one half mile to the southeast. In addition, two linear surveys, 95-088 and 98-196, both associated with Route 90, were completed to the southwest, within two miles of the proposed project. No sites were recorded during these surveys.

On June 18 a site visit was conducted for the Proposed Jackson County Health Building. Some disturbance within the project area is evident such as culvert systems and a tree area has been cleared (Photos 3 and 4). A single shovel probe confirmed evidence of poorly drained soils (mottling and iron oxidation to a depth of 30cm below surface where subsoil was encountered). Field observations are consistent with those described as a Bayou sandy loam by the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

Based on the poorly drained soils, the topographic setting, and an absence of previously recorded sites, it is FEMA's opinion that there is a low probability for the presence of archaeological sites at the proposed Jackson County Health Building, and therefore, **a recommendation of No Historic Properties Affected by the undertaking.** If during the course of work, archaeological artifacts (prehistoric or historic) or human remains are discovered, the applicant shall stop work in the vicinity of the discovery and take all reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the finds. The applicant shall inform their public assistance (PA) contacts in FEMA, who will in turn contact FEMA Historic Preservation Staff. Work will not proceed until FEMA Historic Preservation Staff has completed consultation with the SHPO.

Jim Woodrick
Jackson County Health Dept.
June 23, 2009

Request for Concurrence: FEMA requests concurrence with their determination that the disposition of the existing Jackson County Health Department building and the construction of the new Health Department structure will not affect any historic properties.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Elrhei Thibodeaux, Historic Preservation Specialist, at 228-594-2955.

Sincerely,

For Cyril B. Mann Jr

Michael Grisham
Environmental Liaison Officer
FEMA-1604-DR-MS

****Note:** MDAH issued a letter on May 21, 2008 with a determination that no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register are likely to be affected for this property. This letter was addressed to Ms. Michelle Moore of Jimmy Gouras, Urban Planning and is labeled as MDAH Project Log #07-187-07, Jackson County. At the time that this letter was issued, the project contained only 15,000 square feet and archaeological resources were not considered. The plans have been revised and the current proposal is for a structure of 21, 000 square feet. It is our opinion that the **Determination of No Historic Properties Affected** remains accurate.