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MISSISSIPPI DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION CONVENING

SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2026

THE WESTIN HOTEL
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MISSISSIPPI DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION **CONVENING** *Agenda*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

**8:00 A.M. Conference Registration Opens
Coffee/Morning Pastries**

9:00 A.M. Opening Program

Prayer

The Honorable Terry Frazier
*Newton County
Board of Supervisors, District 1*

Greetings

The Honorable Debra Mabry
*President
Mississippi Association of Supervisors
Holmes County
Board of Supervisors, District 3*

Why Are We Here Today?

The Honorable Sharon Thompson
*1st Vice President, MAS-MC
Forrest County
Board of Supervisors, District 2*

Video Presentation

***“The Truth About Data Centers”
Data Centers 101***

**9:45 A.M. State Regulatory Policies
and Requirements**

Mississippi Public Service Commission
Commissioner DeKeither Stamps
Central District Commissioner

**10:15 A.M. Environmental Concerns
of Data Center Development**

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Taaka Scott Bailey
Director-Office of Community Engagement
Anderson Thomas
MDEQ General Counsel

**11:00 A.M. Land Use and Planning for
Data Center Development**

MSU Center for Government Technology and
Central MS PDD
Dr. Sumner Davis and Ms. Gray Outzs

12:00 Noon LUNCH

1:30 P.M.

**Community Concerns:
Answering All the
Tough Questions**

Mr. Joe Norwood
*Lauderdale County, District 4
Board of Supervisors*

Mr. Greg Higginbotham
*Madison County
County Administrator*

2:00 P.M.

**Data Center Development:
How Communities Can Welcome
Growth Without Sacrificing Control**

Mr. Neil Sheehan
*Woolpert
Chicago, IL*

3:00 P.M.

Revenue/Taxes and Other Costs

Office of the State Auditor
Mr. Tom Chain
*Mississippi Association of Tax Assessors
and Collectors*

Dr. Jason Camp
MSU Center for Government Technology

5:00 P.M.

**Networking Reception |
Visiting with Sponsors**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Social Impacts of Data Centers

Dr. Sarah Duignan
*SLR Consultants, Ltd.
Ontario, Canada*

10:00 A.M. Virtual Presentation

Local Implications: Data Centers
in Rural Communities

Turning the Data Center Boom
into Long-Term, Local Prosperity

The Brookings Institute
Washington, DC

Anthony Pipa
Senior Fellow, Global Economy & Development
Center for Sustainable Development

Facilitator

Mr. Joey Deason
*Executive Director
Madison County EDA*

**11:00 A.M. Partnership Possibilities:
Being Good Corporate Citizens
Data Centers Located in Mississippi**

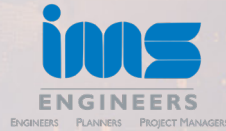
12:00 Noon Closing Remarks

Mr. Demarrio Booth
*MAS-MC President
Jefferson Davis County
District 3*

Conference Adjourns

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