

# Mississippi Data Center Information Convening

## **Tentative** 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**

**Governor's Office (Invited)**

**MAS-MC Executive Committee**

**Why Are We Here Today?**

**The Honorable Sharon Thompson**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, MAS-MC

Forrest County

Board of Supervisors, District 2

**Video Presentation: "The Truth About Data Centers"**

**Data Centers 101**

*DataBank*

*Dallas, TX*

**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 Bailey*

**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*

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**12:00 Noon**

**LUNCH**

Speaker TBD

**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**

*Mr. Norman Cannady, Jr., Madison County*

**MSU Center for Government Technology**

*Dr. Jason Camp*

**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**

**Facilitator**

*Mr. Joey Deason*

*Executive Director*

*Madison County EDA*

**The Brookings Institute**

**Washington, DC**

**Local Implications: Data Centers in Rural Communities**

*Anthony Pipa*

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

**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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