HOUSE BILL NO. 1651

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COAHOMA
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, OR ANY AGENCY, AUTHORITY OR DISTRICT
ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO ENGAGE IN UTILITY,
PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND TO EXPEND
PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THESE PROJECTS NECESSARY FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following words and
phrases shall have the meanings unless the context clearly
indicates otherwise:

(a) "Agency" means the Coahoma County Economic
Development District, the Industrial Development Authority of
Coahoma County, Mississippi, or any agency, authority or district
established by the Board of Supervisors of Coahoma County,
Mississippi, for the purpose of securing, promoting or furthering
economic or industrial development of Coahoma County, Mississippi.

(b) "Board of Supervisors" means the Board of
Supervisors of Coahoma County, Mississippi.

(c) "Project" means the construction, repair or
extension of streets, roads, waterworks, water supply facilities,
sewerage and sewer collection and disposal facilities, drainage
improvements, pollution control facilities and other facilities or
infrastructure necessary, required or in furtherance of industrial
or economic development within Coahoma County, Mississippi, both
within and outside the municipalities located within the county.

SECTION 2. (1) The board of supervisors or any agency, upon
approval and authorization by the board of supervisors, may engage
alone or jointly with others in a project and provide funds,
labor, equipment and in-kind services for the project. The amount
and type of funding and support provided to any project by the
board of supervisors shall be determined by resolution duly
adopted and spread on the minutes of the board of supervisors.
The amount and type of funding and support provided by any agency
to any project shall be determined by the agency by resolution
duly adopted and spread on the agency's minutes and approved by
the board of supervisors. The board of supervisors may
appropriate funds to a project, and any agency, upon the approval
of the board of supervisors, may appropriate funds to the project.
The board of supervisors and any agency, with the approval of the
board of supervisors, may provide any type of funding and support
to a project or to any governmental agency authorized by law to
own, operate, control or maintain the facilities or infrastructure
which constitute the project.

(2) The board of supervisors and any agency, with the
approval of the board of supervisors, may apply for and accept,
receive, disburse and expend federal and state funds and any other
funds, public or private, which may become available by grant,
donation, loan, the issuance of bonds or otherwise, for the
purpose of construction, maintenance and improvements of a
project. All federal funds accepted under this section shall be
accepted and expended by the board of supervisors or the agency
upon terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States
and as are consistent with state law. All state funds accepted
under this section shall be accepted and expended by the board of
supervisors or the agency upon terms and conditions as prescribed
by the state.

(3) The board of supervisors and any agency may execute any
agreements, contracts and documents and do and perform any other
acts necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(4) The board of supervisors or any agency, with the
approval of the board of supervisors, may expend public funds
available to it to promote and solicit new business and industry
to Coahoma County, Mississippi, to utilize the project and to provide services which will insure the continued economic development in the county. The board of supervisors, or any agency, with the approval of the board of supervisors, may further expend funds to remove obstacles to the development of new business and industry within Coahoma County, Mississippi.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.