

Supervisor **BEVERLY MARTIN** moved adoption of the following:

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$250.00 TO GULFPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING THE RESOURCES OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Harrison County has received a request from Gulfport School District's Middle School Robotics Team to expend the sum of \$250.00 to advertise the opportunities and resources of Harrison County by placing logo on team T-shirts and in newsletter for 2017/2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that such will bring favorable notice of the opportunities and resources of Harrison County and will advertise the resources of Harrison County to the benefit of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI that the Board does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$250.00 to Gulfport School District's Middle School Robotics Team to advertise the opportunities and resources of Harrison County by placing logo on team T-shirts and in newsletter for 2017/2018 school year, payable from 002-100-522.

Supervisor **ANGEL KIBLER-MIDDLETON** seconded the motion to adopt the above and foregoing Order, whereupon the question was put to a vote with the following results:

Supervisor BEVERLY MARTIN	voted	AYE
Supervisor ANGEL KIBLER-MIDDLETON	voted	AYE
Supervisor MARLIN R. LADNER	voted	NAY
Supervisor KENT JONES	voted	Absent & Excused
Supervisor CONNIE M. ROCKCO	voted	(OUT ON VOTE)

The majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the motion was declared carried and the Order adopted on this, the 7th day of August 2017.

Sponsorship Request

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Madaly Wilkerson
Bayou View Middle
School Robotics Team



Gulfport School District's
Middle School Robotics Team



Dear local business leader,

The Gulfport School District's Middle School robotics team, Team Voyage, is seeking sponsorship from business leaders such as you, here on the coast to significantly enable them to be competitive in local and state competitions. Local business sponsorship plays a vital role and will permit Team Voyage to purchase equipment, parts, tools, batteries, uniform t-shirts, and travel expenses. Students will benefit immensely by improving their science, technology, engineering, and math skills. Through involvement in a robotics team, students can solve real-world problems related to science and engineering, understand the practical use of math and physics, and become confident in abstract thinking, teamwork, and project management. Our team strives to continuously give back to the community by incorporating volunteering, mentoring and education outreach teaching our students the importance of principles and values at a young age.

School staff and students are readily aware of the current budget restraints in school systems which is why the students want to demonstrate enough responsibility to self-fund as much as possible for the Robotics team with the aid of local businesses' like yours. This will allow Team Voyage to remain competitive not only in state, but nationally within other school systems when it comes to education and future front runners in science and technology. Because of our awesome sponsors, during the past school year, Team Voyage was able to compete and win the Mississippi Middle School State Championship. We were also able to represent Mississippi at the VEX World's Championship in Louisville, Kentucky the last two years since we became established as Team Voyage in 2013. Our number one goal this year is to spread our love of robotics to our local elementary schools by purchasing one VEX IQ Super Kit for each elementary school. Once the elementary school has a kit, we will mentor and help foster the growth of the elementary student's knowledge and love for robotics. We are asking for support from your business that will help us meet our goals and to be able to compete locally, statewide, and worldwide. Any monetary or supply donations would be gladly appreciated. We are also in search of mentors to assist students in their endeavors; your time would be our greatest asset. Attached is a list of our team's expected expenses for the 2017-2018 school year and a list of possible items we will need. All sponsors will be identified in our weekly newsletter. We would like to thank you for your time and consideration in support of Gulfport's Team Voyage.

VEX Robotics Expenses							
Item	Item Cost	Quantity	Total Cost	Item	Item Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
VEX IQ Super Kits	\$ 299.99	7	\$ 2,099.93	Total Students in Robotics	96		
Maintenance/Parts	\$ 400.00	24	\$ 9,600.00	Income			
First Registration Fee	\$ 150.00	24	\$ 3,600.00	Student Fees	\$ 60.00	96	\$ 5,760.00
Tournament Entry Fee	\$ 40.00	30	\$ 1,200.00	Fundraiser	\$ 50.00	96	\$ 4,800.00
T-Shirts	\$ 15.00	96	\$ 1,440.00	Income Total			\$10,560.00
Laptops	\$ 825.00	24	\$19,800.00				
Travel Expense	\$ 275.00	16	\$ 4,400.00				
Tools	\$ 500.00	1	\$ 500.00	Total Expense	\$ 43,139.92		
Game Pieces	\$ 499.99	1	\$ 499.99	Total Income	\$ 10,560.00		
Total			\$43,139.92	Request from Business Sponsors	\$ 32,579.92		
* We currently have 24 robotics teams combined at both middle schools with 3-5 students per team							
* This expense list does not include the cost of going to the VEX World Championship in Louisville, KY (≈\$4000)							

Possible Items to Donate

Any commercially available #4, #6, #8, M2, M2.5, M3 or M4 screw up to 2" long
 Nuts and Washers to fit these screws
 Non Shattering Plastic (Polycarbonate or Lexan) up to 0.070" thick
 Electrical Tape
 Painters Tape
 USB Extension Cables
 1/8" Braided Nylon Rope
 Mouse for Laptop

Small Plastic Containers for screws and nuts
 3/32 and 5/64 Hex Keys
 Composition Notebooks
 Flash Drives
 Dremel metal cutting blades
 Tin Snips
 Metal Files
 Zip Ties
 #32 and #64 Rubber Bands

Tier Levels of Sponsorship

Dwarf Star – A business that donates less than \$50 (includes supplies). The business's logo will be displayed in our bi-weekly newsletter.

Red Giant – A business that donates \$50 or more and less than \$125 (includes supplies). The business's logo will be displayed in our bi-weekly newsletter.

Blue Giant – A business that donate \$125 or more and less than \$250 (includes supplies). The business's logo will be displayed in our bi-weekly newsletter.

Super Giant – A business that donates \$250 or more (includes supplies). The business's logo will be displayed in our bi-weekly newsletter. All Super Giant sponsors will have their business logo proudly placed on our team t-shirts and banners. And we will place an ad or advertisement for the business on our back pages of our newsletter.

If your business is interested in supporting our team or would like more information on specifics of our team please contact me at the following:

Bayou View Middle School telephone: 228-865-4633

Gulfport Central Middle School telephone: 228-870-1035

Email: michael.quintero@gulfportschools.org

When contacting our team, please identify the student that has requested your sponsorship for our team so that student can earn credit for fundraising. Please note that 100% of all sponsorship funds will go directly to the student's robotic team to compete in local and state competitions.

Please make checks payable to BVMS Robotics for students who attend Bayou View Middle. Please make checks payable to GCMS Robotics for students who attend Central Middle.

You are welcome and encouraged to follow our progress at:

Twitter: twitter.com/TeamVoyageGSD

Facebook: facebook.com/TeamVoyageGSD

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Quintero

Team Voyage Lead Mentor

Please fill the following out for the student. All sponsorship donations will be collected by Mr. Quintero or can be delivered to the student's school.

Student Name: Madalyn Wilkerson

Students School: Bayou View Middle School

Date: 7/28/17

Business Contact Information:

Name of Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Person to Contact and Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

We will send our weekly newsletter to the email address above.

Questions or concerns you may have _____

