



November 3, 2025

Mayor Mike Favre
Members of the Bay St. Louis City Council
688 US-90
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Dear Mayor Favre and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the 1,500 members of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce—now proudly celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our founding by the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club—I want to extend our sincere appreciation for hosting us last week for a very productive workshop to discuss the lease renewal of the Historic City Hall Building at 300 South Second Street.

As you know, the Hancock Chamber entered into an agreement with the previous Council on April 12, 2023, which expired on June 30, 2025. Following our recent discussion, we would like to formally accept the recommendation to pay a flat monthly lease rate of \$1,200 for the first and second-floor office spaces in the building.

Under this agreement:

- The first floor will continue to operate as a Business Resource Center, managed entirely by the Chamber.
- The second floor will serve as the administrative offices for Chamber staff.

As tenants, the Chamber will manage all aspects of the Business Resource Center independently, with no reporting obligations to the city.

We believe this partnership has been mutually beneficial. When we first assumed occupancy, the building had no furnishings, internet, or phone services. Since then, the Chamber has made substantial improvements, securing grants totaling approximately \$50,000 for furnishings alone, in addition to other investments in equipment and infrastructure. These enhancements have transformed the facility into a welcoming, functional space that supports local businesses and community growth.

We respectfully ask that the Mayor and Council consider renewing the lease agreement under these proposed terms. The Hancock Chamber remains committed to working alongside the city to promote the social, civic, and economic vitality of Bay St. Louis and the greater Hancock County region.

Thank you again for your continued support and partnership.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Regan Kane".

Regan Kane
Past President