

Miss Hospitality addresses Board of Supervisors

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George County's Miss Hospitality seems to be everywhere these days.

Annie Hillman, whose parents are Yvette and Al Hillman, radiated all of the charm one would expect from a hospitality ambassador as she addressed the George County Board of Supervisors on Monday.

Hillman, who is attending events throughout the county, told the supervisors a little of what the Miss Hospitality program is and some of the things she is doing to promote George County.

According to her Facebook page: "The Miss Hospitality program in the state of Mississippi gives young ladies all over the state the opportunity to promote and support tourism and economic growth in their cities, counties, and communities as well as in our great state of Mississippi."

Hillman is competing with young women from across the state to become the 73rd Miss Hospitality. Contestants may win scholarships, cash and prizes valued at 100,000. The next Mississippi Miss Hospitality will receive a \$25,000 prize package.

According to her contestant biography, Hillman is double majoring in music education and English. She is dual enrolled at the University of Mississippi and the University of South Alabama. She is an avid reader and musician and wants to share this with future Mississippi generations. She has a great love for history and that started with listening to war stories from her grandfather who fought in WWII and a love of nature that thrived in gardening with her grandmother.

She is competing against 39 other young women for the title. The statewide competition will be held on July 10 through July 16. If she wins the state competition, she will serve for one year as an ambassador for the state at national events and international events.

Hillman, who last weekend was at the local Farmers Market, told the supervisors she was focusing on both tourism and agriculture, especially agritourism, since these are large parts of the Mississippi economy.