

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**COUNTY OF LOWNDES**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**MINUTE BOOK \_\_\_\_\_**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, was held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:**

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| Harry Sanders         | Supervisor, District 1, Board President      |
| Trip Hairston         | Supervisor, District 2                       |
| John Holliman         | Supervisor, District 3, Board Vice President |
| Jeff Smith            | Supervisor, District 4                       |
| Leroy Brooks          | Supervisor, District 5                       |
| Tim Hudson Esq.       | County Board Attorney                        |
| Eddie Hawkins         | Lowndes County Sheriff                       |
| Cindy Egger Goode     | Chancery Clerk                               |
| Tia Rushing           | Deputy Clerk                                 |
| County Staff Members  |  |
| Members of News Media |  |
| County Citizens       |  |

The following proceedings were had:

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

- I. Call to Order, Sheriff Eddie Hawkins
- II. Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President
- III. Invocation, John Holliman, Supervisor District 3, Board Vice-president
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance

**I**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**A. Agenda Review**

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt agenda as amended; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

A. Approve January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County Chief Executive Officer**

A. County Claims Docket- Period Ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread the County Claims Docket Report ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 on the minutes, Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Surplus

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to declare 184 items surplus property; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Asset Sale

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the sale of Volunteer fire dept. district 5 old ambulance to Cumberland Fire Dept., Maben MS, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Peregrine Services (Agreement Homes/Renditions)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the 4 year agreement with Peregrine Services to process the county's renditions, delinquents and mobile home applications, second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Tax refund- Curtis Hairston

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve tax refund payable to Curtis Hairston in the amount of 643.43 due to a house fire, second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV**

**David Kennard**  
**TRVWMD Executive Director**

A. General Update

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve a resolution concerning drainage issues for Tallaha Drive, Catalpa, Duck Slough and Scott Drive to resolve project for TRVWMD, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V**

**Cindy E. Goode**  
**Lowndes County Chancery Clerk**

A. Justice Court Report

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes, Justice Court Report for December 2019, Civil in the amount of 50,145.38, Criminal in the amount of 26,622.37, Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VI**

**LINK Representative**  
**Reference**

A. Economic Development Project- New electric Power Facility

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Resolution of intent of the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County Mississippi to enter into a FEE-IN-LIEU of Ad Valorem tax agreement for Origis a new electrical power generation facility spread on minutes, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A.       Execute SDI Rail Construction Contract- Phillips Contracting

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept bid from Phillips Contracting for SDI Rail Spur Construction in the amount of 2,496,070.71, second by supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B.       Approve Final Pay request DNA Underground- Artesia Road Sewer Crossing

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve final payment for the DNA Underground-Artesia Road Sewer Crossing, second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C.       Advertisement for Wolfe Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to advertise Bridge Project on Wolfe Road, second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D.       Prairie Land Water utility permit- Tom Rose Rd & RoseCrest Lane

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the utility permits for Prairie Land Water Association for Tom Rose Road and Rosecrest Lane, second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E.       C-spire utility permit for Bluecutt Road

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the Fiber Optic Cable run for Telepak Networks Inc. d/b/a CSpire for Bluecutt Road, second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F.       AT&T utility permit for Penn Station Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve buried Fiber telecommunications route for Penn Station Road, second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- G. East Lowndes Water utility permit for Halbert Road

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve permit for Water Main for East Lowndes Water Association on Halbert Road, second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- H. Horse Park discussion

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to allow Bob Calvert to get cost estimates for the horse park. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

### **VIII**

**George Crawford**

**Golden Triangle Planning and Development District, Inc.**

**Project analyst**

- A. MSP Coil Yard Invoice- Burns Dirt Construction & Calvert-Spralding Engineers

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve final invoice for Calvert-Spralding engineers in the amount of \$4,044 and Burns Dirt Construction in the amount of \$33,124.87, second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

### **IX**

**Pat Tuggle**

**Lowndes County Purchase Clerk**

- A. Award DBST Contract for W. Nashville Ferry Road- FEMA Project

Motion by supervisor Smith to accept the bid from Kimes & Stone in the amount of \$63,004.92 for the W. Nashville Ferry Road FEMA Project. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X**

**Eddie Hawkins  
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve new hires, Tammy Blackwell as Detention Officer at \$13.42/hr.; Frank Smith as Detention Officer at \$13.42/hr.; Thomas Watkins as Detective at \$21.30/hr., Tonya Mangus as Detective at \$21.30/hr.; and Brian Turner as Narcotics Captain at \$28.85/hr., and to spread on Board minutes. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Approve pay Rate change for Litter Control Position

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve pay increase for Litter Control Position from \$24,000 to \$30,240 a year, second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI**

**Ronnie Burns  
Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to hire Joe Brownlee as Crewmember at 14.60/hr., and Ricky Glasgow as Class II operator at 16.04/hr., Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve monthly reports for January 2020 and the work schedule for February 2020, second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Road Plan- 2020-2024

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the Four year 2020-2024 Roads & Bridges plan, second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XII**  
**Ralph Billingsley**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

For informational purposes county administrator announced openings for the CVB Board and Industrial Development Authority Board

A. CVB Board Openings

Accepting Applications. Expires 2024

B. Industrial Development Authority Board Openings

Accepting Applications. Expires 2024

C. Permission to hire Veterans Service Officer

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to hire Shannon Dollarhide at 19.00/hr. at 36 hours a week for Veterans Service Officer, second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0

D. Fuel reimbursement- \$29.11

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to reimburse Reed Nevins in the amount of \$29.11 for fuel purchase based on the finding the Fuelman Card malfunctioned, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Y attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Approval to Amend Budget for additional Radios for Volunteer Fire Fighters

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to table the purchase of 12 Motorola radios and 12 pagers, second by Supervisor Smith, Motion failed Vote 2-3.

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to amend the budget to \$41,203.20 to purchase 12 Motorola radios and 12 pagers, Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to form a committee appointing Ralph Billingsly, Trip Hairston, Cindy Lawrence and Neal Austin to set policy concerning Volunteer Fire department requests, Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Z attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

- F. Approval to amend Budget to replace control system at Juvenile Detention Center.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to amend budget up to \$37,900 to replace Control System at Juvenile Detention Center, second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit AA attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- G. Approval to pay Constables PERS match.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and pay Constable Portion of PERS, second by supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

### **XIII**

#### **Lowndes County Supervisor Trip Hairston**

- A. Abandon Road- Britton Road

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to advertise public hearing for intent to abandon Britton Road on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:15, second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit BB attached hereto and incorporated herein)

### **XIV**

#### **Lowndes County Supervisor Jeff Smith**

- A. Permission to Set a Date for the City/County Government meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to appoint Trip Hairston and Jeff Smith to the City/County advisory board, Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

- B. Crawford Gym flooring

Motion by Supervisor Brooks requesting Robert Short to get cost estimates for Hardwood and Synthetic flooring for Crawford Gym, second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit CC attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XV**

**Lowndes County Board President Harry Sanders**

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve county surety bonds, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit DD attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Update on Sportsplex- No action taken

C. Three Rivers Work Force

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to appoint Jeff Smith as representative for Board, second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

**XVI**

**Lowndes County Attorney Tim Hudson**

A. Approve Resolutions for Lisa Younger Neese and James Richardson

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on Board minutes board resolutions for Lisa Younger Neese and James Richardson, second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit EE attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Approve Resolution for Bill Brigham

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on board minute's resolution for Bill Brigham, second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit FF attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Memorandum of understanding- 2019/2020

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the 2019 and 2020 Memorandum of Understanding between Lowndes County Board and Mississippi Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit GG attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XVII**  
**Lowndes County Supervisor Leroy Brooks**

- A. Amend United Way Budget- \$20,000

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve amended budget to \$20,000 to go towards YMCA. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**XVIII**  
**George Crawford**

- A. Approve Change order

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve change order MSP project, Burns Dirt in the amount \$291,899.93, second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**X**  
**Recess**

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adjourn until February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

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HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

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Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk