

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

MINUTE BOOK 362

**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 2nd day of March, 2020, Commencing at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:**

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- ABSENT
Leroy Brooks	Supervisor, District 5
Tim Hudson Esq.	County Board Attorney
Eddie Hawkins	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, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President
- III. Invocation, Trip Hairston, Supervisor District 2
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

I

**BOARD AGENDA**

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt agenda as amended; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II  
BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III  
Lloyd Price  
Lowndes County Chief Financial Officer

A. County Claims Docket- Ending February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread County Claims docket to include the court order authorizing the payment of \$4,883.93 to Corey Herring Automotive for repairs made to the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department vehicles onto Board minutes. Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0 (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV  
Trip Hairston  
Lowndes County Supervisor District 2

A. Introduction of new YMCA Director- Jimmy Woodruff

V  
Reid Nevins  
Lowndes County Extension Agent

A. Introduction on new 4-H Agent- Daryl Banks

VI  
Cindy E. Goode  
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread surety bonds on board minutes, Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0 (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread Sheriff's report for January 2020 maintenance. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII

**George Crawford**

**Golden Triangle Planning & Development District Inc. Project analyst**

A. SDI Rail Spur DIP grant jobs report

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread SDI Rail Spur DIP grant jobs report on board minutes, Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Update on MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks trails program.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread update on board minutes, Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0.

VIII

**Bob Calvert**

**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Authorization to obtain quotes to fill abandoned well- Charleigh Ford Drive

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve authorization for quotes to fill abandon well on Charleigh Ford Drive, Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0

B. Authorization to advertise for construction bids for Charleigh Ford Drive

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise for bids for construction on Charleigh Ford Drive, Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. C-spire utility permit- Pennington Lake Subdivision Roads

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve utility permit for C-Spire for Pennington Lake Subdivision Roads, Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX**  
**Eddie Hawkins**  
**Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve hire of Joshua Vandiver as Deputy Sheriff starting at \$17.50/ HR and to spread on minutes, Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Retiree purchase of weapon

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Billy Wood for purchase of retired surplus weapon. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. K-9 Retiree

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve retired K-9 to rehome with current instructor. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Approval for MS Bureau of Narcotics Contract

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics contract, Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X**  
**Ronnie Burns**  
**Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve new hire of Jeffrey Winters at \$16.04 starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>, as a Road Department class II driver, Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread Road Department Board Reports for February 2020 on board minutes, Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI  
Lowndes County Administrator  
Ralph Billingsley

- A. Announce EMCC Board Opening- 5 year term
- B. Port Authority Board Opening District 3- 4 year term
- C. Accept Mark Castleberry's resignation letter  
  
Motion by Supervisor Sanders to accept and spread Mark Castleberry's resignation letter of board minutes, Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0 (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)
- D. Announce CVB Board Opening
- E. LCIDA Board appointment  
  
Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept applications for Board appointment, Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)
- F. Employee reimbursement  
  
Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread reimbursement to Ralph Billingsley for purchase of web domain from Network Solutions LLC for Lowndes County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$41.97. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)
- G. Approve Fiscal year 2019 continuing disclosure engagement letter  
  
Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve continuance of disclosure engagement letter and spread on Board minutes, Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)
- H. Appointment to MASIT Steering Committee  
  
Motion by Supervisor Sanders to nominate Supervisor Hairston to be appointed to MASIT Steering Committee. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)
- I. Crawford Gym Petition by Jeff Smith  
  
Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread on Board minutes, Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Request for closed determination by Supervisor John Holliman.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into executive session to discuss a personal employee matter. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0

No action was taken.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0.

XII

Recess

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adjourn until March 16th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0.



  
HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:  
  
Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk