

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

March 16th, 2020

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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 16th 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
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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**A. Agenda Review**

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

**B. Announce Executive Session (upon Board request) no action taken.**

PUBLIC HEARING  
ABANDONMENT OF BRITTON DRIVE

No concerned citizens were present regarding abandonment of Britton Drive.  
Closed Public Hearing.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to abandon Britton Drive; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

II  
BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve March 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.  
(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III  
Lloyd Price  
Lowndes County Chief Financial Officer

A. County Claims Docket- Ending March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread County Claims docket period ending March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 onto board minutes. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. February 2020 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread the February 2020 Financials onto board minutes. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. New hire

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to postpone hiring until job description formulated. Second by Supervisor Sanders.

After discussion, Supervisor Sanders withdrew his second and motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to hire Kelli Thompson as Inventory/Insurance Clerk with full benefits. Her starting date is 26 March 2020, pay at \$15/hour with a .50 cents increase upon completion of probation period. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-1 with Supervisor Holliman voting nay. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV**  
**Pauline Redmond**  
**Lowndes County Citizen**

Presentation regarding community responses to COVID-19 – no action taken.

**V**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

- A. Permit Application for use and occupancy agreement Caledonia Water & Sewer Department to construct ¾" water service line on Spruill Road.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve permit application for Caledonia Water & Sewer Department to construct ¾" water service line on Spruill Road; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

- B. Quotes three abandoned existing wells

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept quote from Donald Smith Company, Inc., for \$4,194.00 per three abandoned wells, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibits F attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**VI**  
**Sarah Barnes**  
**Assistant Purchase Clerk**

- A. Award Publication of Legal Notices

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve bid from The Columbus Packet for publication of legal notices 1 April 2020 through 31 March 2022, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

- B. Approve Sole Source Vendor Purchase

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the purchase of Chancery Court Reporter Luminex II Writer from Stenograph, for \$5,495.00, based on a finding this is a sole source provider and Lowndes County to be reimbursed on a prorata basis from Clay, Noxubee, & Oktibbeha counties; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

VII  
Greg Andrews  
Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector

A. Set Aside Tax Sale for PPIN 32045

Motion by Supervisor Smith to set aside the tax sale regarding PPIN 32045 based on a finding there was an error in the assessment of the property sold and further authorize a refund in the amount of \$1,312.04 to the Lowndes County Chancery Clerk. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

VIII  
Cindy E. Goode  
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the unclaimed garnishment funds in the amount of \$899.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Civil and Criminal Collections for the month of February 2020; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0 (included in Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff Report

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread Sheriff's Report for February 2020; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Surety Bonds; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Permission to waive March 2020 penalty and interest for three delinquent tax payments

Motion by Supervisor Smith to waive penalty and interest on 3 delinquent tax payments based on a finding the payments were received on time at the county tax office; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

- E. Emergency Administrative Order by Mississippi Supreme Court  
(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Discussion only no action taken.

## IX

### Eddie Hawkins Lowndes County Sheriff

- A. New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the following new hires: Farrah Robinson-Day as Chief of Administration Operations with the Lowndes County Adult Detention Center – start date 26 March 2020, with salary of \$55,000 per year; Willie Earl Patrick as Detention Officer-start date 13 March 2020, with rate of pay \$13.42/hour; Shirley Faulkner as Baliff-start date 4 March 2020, with rate of pay \$55/day worked; Haley Hunt as School Resource Officer-start date 9 March 2020, rate of pay \$17.50/hour; Tony Hunt as Reserve Deputy-start date 2 March 2020, rate of pay \$10/hour; Amanda Stack as a Detention Officer-start date 16 March 2020, with rate of pay \$13.42/hour; Johnny Branch as Narcotics Officer-start date 23 March 2020, with rate of pay \$21.30/hour; Kevin McCrary as School Resource Officer-start date 9 March 2020, with rate of pay \$17.50/hour; Raymond Beacher Cyr as Detention Officer-start date 23 March 2020, with rate of pay \$17.50/hour; and Stephanie Brown as Administrative Assistant-start date 16 March 2020, with rate of pay \$13.42/hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. February 2020 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread February 2020 Meal Log on board minutes, Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Approval of Solid Waste Grant

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the Solid Waste Grant, Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X  
Ralph Billingsley  
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Port Authority Board Appointment

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Port Authority Board appointment of Randy Frederick term beginning 1 April 2020 ending 31 March 2024; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0

B. LCIDA District One Board Appointment

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve LCIDA District One Board appointment of Karl Williams. This is a four year term to expire 31 January 2024; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

C. EMCC Board Appointment

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve EMCC Board appointment of Gregory Stewart. This is a five year term 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2025; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

D. CVB Board Appointment

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to take the 2 applicants for the CVB board under advisement; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to appoint Supervisor Brooks and Supervisor Hairston from Board of Supervisors to an advisory board along with appointees from City Council to discuss concerns with CVB with their Board; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

E. Board President/Mayor CVB Board Appointment

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the appointment of Sonic Johnson term ending 30 September 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

F. Southgate Sewer Board Appointments

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve Dean Priest for a 3 year term; Gaylon Downs for a 4 year term; and Kristie Metcalf as Southgate Sewer Board appointees; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Permission to amend budget – Sheriff's office phone system

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to amend the budget in the amount of \$52,500.00 for Sheriff's Office phone system; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

H. Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution for District 4 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

I. MASIT Insurance Renewal

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the MASIT Insurance Renewal; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI

Jeff Smith  
Supervisor District 4

A. Resolution Columbus High School Girls' Basketball Team Class 5A Champions

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt the Resolution for Columbus High School Girls' Basketball Team Class 5A Mississippi State Championship; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII

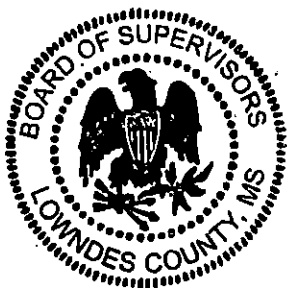
Trip Hairston  
Supervisor District 2

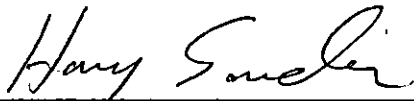
Recognition of Casey Johnson and Daniel Snyder, members of Boy Scout Troops 2, working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit badges.

XIII


Recess

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until March 17th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.



  
HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

  
Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk