

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

April 15th, 2020

MINUTE BOOK _364__

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, Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 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
County Staff Members	
Members of News Media	

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

- I. Call to Order, Harry Sanders, Board President,
- II. Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President
- III. Invocation, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

I
Adopt Agenda

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt agenda; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

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

II
BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve April 6th, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the April 6th, 2020 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.
(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

A. County Claims Docket period ending 15 April 2020

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the County Claims Docket for period ending 15 April 2020. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0
(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. March 2020 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve March 2020 Financials; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Accept donation from 4-County Foundation

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept donation from 4-County Foundation in amount of \$5,270.00 for scene lights for District 2 Volunteer Fire Department; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0
(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
Cindy Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

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

V.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

A. East Lowndes Water Utility Permit for Mount Vernon Road

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the East Lowndes Water Utility Permit to construct a water main on Mount Vernon Road;

Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI

Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. New hires

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Brandy Hall as Correctional Nurse with rate of pay \$25.00 per hour and Latonya Webber as Detention Officer with rate of pay \$13.42 per hour; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. March 2020 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept the March 2020 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Permission to apply for grant

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allow Sheriff to apply for grant for ballistic vests and amend the budget in amount of \$27,000.00, contingent on being eligible for said grant; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

D. Permission to Amend budget for purchase of uniforms

Motion by Supervisor Smith to amend the budget to \$65,000.00 to purchase new uniforms for Lowndes County Sheriff Department; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

VII

Ralph Billingsley
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Discuss Corona Virus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program

Discussion of the Corona Virus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program. No action taken. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Governor's Covid-19 Proclamation Extension

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adopt Governor's Covid-19 Proclamation Extension; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve Board Order extending the Lowndes County Emergency Proclamation an additional 30 days; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allow county day cares to open with the provisions set up by the State of Mississippi; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

C. City Car Tag Collection Agreement 4%

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the agreement between Lowndes County and City of Columbus take effect 1 October 2020 through 30 September 2021 with tax collector retaining 4% for services furnished; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Application of 1 Mill Certification

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the application of 1 Mill Certification; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

E. Road Department March Board Report and April Work Schedule

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the March Board Report; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the April Work Schedule; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII

Jeff Smith

Supervisor District 4

Discussion of Emergency Shelters for first responders. No action taken. Postponed action until next board meeting, 4 May 2020.

IX

Harry Sanders

Supervisor District 1

Hire County Administrator

Presentation by Leroy Brooks, Supervisor District 5, addresses the Board with regard to the hiring of County Administrator. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Supervisor Leroy Brooks leaves the meeting
Jeff Smith, Supervisor District 3, addresses the Board with regard to the hiring of County Administrator. Supervisor Smith is opposed to the process of the hiring of County Administrator, not the person.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to hire Jay Fisher as County Administrator apprentice for five (5) months, with a salary of \$50,000.00, effective 1 May 2020; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-1, with Supervisor Smith opposing.


Supervisor Jeff Smith leave the meeting.

X
Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adjourn until May 4th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-0.




HARRY SANDERS, Board President


Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk