

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MAY 31st, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK 382

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Tuesday, the 31st day of May 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1
Trip Hairston	Supervisor, District 2, President
John Holliman	Supervisor, District 3
Jeff Smith	Supervisor, District 4
Leroy Brooks	Supervisor, District 5
Tim Hudson Esq.	County Board Attorney
Eddie Hawkins	Sheriff
Cindy E. Goode	Chancery Clerk
Jay Fisher	County Administrator
County Staff Members	
Members of News Media	
County Citizens	

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

- I. Call to Order Trip Hairston, Board President
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, John Holliman, Supervisor District 3
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

I

Adopt Agenda

A. Agenda Review

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

II
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve May 16th, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve May 16th, 2022, board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
President Trip Hairston
Presentation Resolution

- A. Board President Trip Hairston - presentation of Resolution recognizing Deputy Raymond Cyr.

IV
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

- A. County Claims Docket – Period Ending May 31st, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims docket for period ending May 31st, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. April 2022 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes April 2022 Financials; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
Greg Merchant
Lowndes County Coroner

- A. Office/Roof condition

Motion by Supervisor Smith to advertise for bids for repairs to roof due to leak; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

VI.
George Crawford
GTPDD, Inc. District Planner

- A. Environmental Clearance/Request for Release of Funds-Emergency Loop Road Construction (ARC Funding)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the request to release funds; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Administrative Contract Approval

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution and Contract for Administrative Services; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.

Pat Tuggle

Lowndes County Purchase Clerk

A. Permission to Advertise for Semi-Annual Bids

Motion by Supervisor Brooks grant permission to advertise for semi-annual bids; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

B. Approval bid 2016 Used Water Tank Truck

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the bid for 2016 Used Water Tank Truck from United Rentals, Inc. \$69,650.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.

Mike Aldridge

Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes monthly reports for May 2022 and work schedule for June 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Danny Clinton as Crewmember with a salary of \$15.35 per hour, beginning June 6, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.

Neal Austin

Lowndes County Fire Coordinator

A. Renewal of PHI Helicopter Contract for District 3

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the renewal of 1 year lease PHI Helicopter Contract for District 3; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

A. State Aid Program for LSBP-44(17)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes State Aid Program LSBP-44(17); Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.
City of Columbus Mayor Keith Gaskin, CFO James Brigham
& COO Jammie Garret

A. Update on City's ARPA Funding

No action taken.

XII.
County Court Judge Allison Kizer

A. Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Memorandum of Understanding between Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) regarding parent attorney(s) to represent Lowndes County Youth Court parent defendants in child abuse/neglect cases services provided to Lowndes County Youth Court; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Approval of FMLA Justice Court Taniya Williams

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the Family Medical Leave request from Taniya Williams (Lowndes County Justice Court) up to twelve weeks starting May 27, 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Approval of Administrative Leave Justice Court Shannon Hughes

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes unpaid Administrative Medical Leave request from Shannon Hughes (Lowndes County Justice Court) up to eight weeks starting May 18, 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. GTPDD Advisory Board Update

No action taken.

D. Reimbursement Request (Constable Chris Griffin)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the reimbursement to Constable Chris Griffin for \$503.95, based on a finding these items purchased were directly used by his office and necessary; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Fuelman Reimbursement (Cal-Kolola Chevron)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the reimbursement to Cal-Kolola Chevron for \$145.74 (fuel already pumped), based on a finding the Fuelman card malfunctioned; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Approval to Advertise for County Resources with Insight Magazine

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the request to advertise county resources with Insight Magazine advertisement \$575.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Approval to Advertise for County Resources with Columbus Visitor's Bureau – Fireworks on the Water

No action taken.

XIV.

**Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Shannon Patrice Williams and Carol Michele Goggins as Detention Officers at rate of \$14.17 per hour effective May 30th, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XV.

**Sue Fairbank & Michael Russ
Butler Snow Representatives**

A. Intent Resolution for Sportsplex Financing

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution of Intent to either issue General Obligation Bonds of the County, issue a General Obligation Bond for the County for Sale to the Mississippi Development Bank or enter into a Loan with Mississippi Development Bank

not to exceed \$14,750,000 for Sportsplex Financing and provide concessions for Equine Center; Second by Supervisor Sanders. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Vote:	Sanders	aye
	Hairston	aye
	Holliman	aye
	Smith	nay
	Brooks	nay

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution authorizing the employment of professionals in connection with Sportsplex financing for execution and delivery of documents necessary for \$14,750,000 Sportsplex Financing; Second by Supervisor Sanders. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Vote:	Sanders	aye
	Hairston	aye
	Holliman	aye
	Smith	nay
	Brooks	nay

B. Intent Resolution for Industrial Development Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution of Intent for purpose of providing funds not to exceed 30,000,000 for Industrial Development; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Executive Session

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into executive session to discuss legal matter and lawsuit; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to hire an attorney to represent Sheriff Eddie Hawkins in an ongoing lawsuit; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept and spread on the minutes the resignation letter from Linder Erby; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn until Monday, June 6th, 2022;
seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.



Trip Hairston

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

Cindy E. Goode

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk