

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

July 6th, 2020

MINUTE BOOK 366

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 6th day of July, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1
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	
County Citizens	

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

- I. Call to Order, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- III. Invocation, Leroy Brooks, Supervisor District 5
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

**I
BOARD AGENDA**

A. Adopt Agenda

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 June 30th, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the June 30th, 2020 Board Minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Trip Hairston
Supervisor District 2

- A. Monument

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to move the monument to Friendship Cemetery contingent upon City of Columbus to quitclaim a parcel of land within Friendship Cemetery for the monument to be located on as required by law; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

IV
Mrs. Lavonne Harris
Lowndes County NAACP President

Community concerns – monument, Harry Sanders resignation

No action taken.

V
Carl Lee
Lowndes County Citizen

Community concerns – monument, Harry Sanders resignation

No action taken.

VI
PUBLIC HEARING 9:20 a.m.
228 E. PLUM STREET

Clean up of 228 E. Plum Street. County Administrator, Ralph Billingsley, reported to the Board the property owner had been in contact with him. Property owner told Mr. Billingsley he had started cleaning the property and would continue to keep property cleaned.

No one was present regarding 228 E. Plum Street.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to close Public Hearing; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Public Hearing Closed

VII
Rev. Jamal Wilson
Lowndes County Citizen

Community concerns – monument, Harry Sanders resignation

No action taken.

VIII
Leroy Brooks
Supervisor District 5

Community concerns – monument, Harry Sanders resignation

No action taken.

IX
Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector

A. Refund Tax DAV Homestead (Joseph & Cynthia Pritchard)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the DAV Homestead tax refund due to Joseph & Cynthia Pritchard in the total amount of \$815.90 (2018 taxes \$409.77 – 2019 \$406.12); Second by Supervisor Holliman. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

B. Thirty (30) Day Extension 2020 Personal Property Roll

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the thirty (30) day extension on completing personal property tax rolls for 2020; Second by Supervisor Holliman. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

C. Personal Property Contract (2021-2024)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the Personal Property Contract for 2021-2024 with Technical Appraisal Services, Inc.; Second

by Supervisor Hairston. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

X

Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bonds for Columbus Municipal School District (Kennetra Smith, Natashea Brown, Juvante Burks, Sr, Lonvojsier "L.C." Cockrell, Marlon Price, Deodies Bush, Denise Staples, Kori Bridges, Nicole Shirley Shelton, Darick Mattox, Dominique Tripplett, Cafeteria Managers, Financial Secretary/Administrative Assistant) and Dean Cooper Priest for South Gate Sewer District. Second by Supervisor Hairston. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

B. Sixteenth Section Land Leases and Easements

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the Permanent Easement for Transmission lines for West Columbus-Artesia for Lowndes County Board of Education; Second by Supervisor Holliman (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the Amendment to Farm Residential 16th Section Lease Agreement (State Lease #5048) Lessee William Charles Cox Pilkinton; Second by Supervisor Holliman (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Sixteenth Section Land Leases for the following: Rina Bulphawon; Charles H. Lambert, Jr; John Alan Redden (2 leases); Second by Supervisor Hairston. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

C. Sheriff's Report June 2020

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the Sheriff's Report for June 2020; Second by Supervisor Hairston. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

D. Justice Court Unclaimed Garnishment funds

Motion by supervisor Hairston to approve and accept the unclaimed garnishment funds from Lowndes County Justice Court in the amount of \$582.80; Second by Supervisor Holliman. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

XI
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve hire of Linda Jewel as Payroll Clerk at \$20.00/hr.; Second by Supervisor Holliman. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

B. Retiree Purchase of Weapon

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to authorize the purchase by Jason Humbers (retired) his service weapon for the price of \$10.00 pursuant to the applicable state statute; Second by Supervisor Holliman.

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

XII

Tim Hudson

Board Attorney

For Bob Calvert County Engineer

A. Approval of Charleigh Ford Drive Sixteenth Section Right-of-Way Easement from Lowndes County School District

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept the Charleigh Ford Drive Sixteenth Section Right-of-Way Easement granted from Lowndes County School District to Lowndes County, Ms; Second by Supervisor Holliman. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

XIII
Ralph Billingsley
Lowndes County Administrator

A. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve hire of Mia Dent as E911 operator effective 17 June 2020 at \$12.00/hour; Second by Supervisor Hairston.

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

B. Announce TRVWMD Board Opening

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept the resignation of Tommy Johnson as Director of the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District Board effective June 30th, 2020 and accept the opening for this unexpired term March 31st, 2021; Second by Supervisor Sanders. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Supervisor Sanders	voted aye
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	abstained
Supervisor Brooks	abstained

Roger Short
Lowndes County Recreational Director

Announced the re-opening of Crawford Gym at 1:00 p.m., everyone invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for closed determination by Supervisor John Holliman.

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation; Second by Supervisor Hairston.

Supervisor Sanders leaves meeting

Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	voted aye
Supervisor Brooks	voted aye

No action was taken.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Smith.

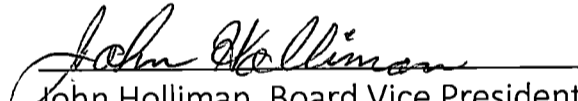
Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	voted aye
Supervisor Brooks	voted aye

XV
Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn until July 15th, 2020 at 9:00am, Second by Supervisor Smith.

Supervisor Hairston	voted aye
Supervisor Holliman	voted aye
Supervisor Smith	voted aye
Supervisor Brooks	voted aye




John Holliman, Board Vice President


Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk