

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

July 15th, 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, Wednesday, the 15th 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, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- II. Presiding, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- III. Invocation, Trip Hairston, Supervisor District 2
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

I

Agenda

BOARD AGENDA

A. Adopt Agenda.

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

II.

BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve July 6th 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the July 6th 2020, Board Minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-1 Supervisor Brooks abstaining. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III.

**LLOYD PRICE
LOWNDES COUNTY CFO**

A. County Claims Docket Period ending July 15, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket for the period ending July 15, 2020; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-1 Supervisor Brooks abstaining. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. June 2020 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the June 2020 Financials; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-1 Supervisor Brooks abstaining. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Surplus

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to declare items surplus property; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-2. Supervisors Brooks and Smith abstaining (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.

**Lynn Mullins
Lowndes County Citizen**

Community concerns — Harry Sanders resignation

No-action taken.

V.
Steve Ellis
Lowndes County Citizen

Community concerns — Harry Sanders resignation

No action taken.

VI.
Rebecca Bailey
Lowndes County Citizen

Community concerns — Harry Sanders resignation

No action taken.

VII.
Heather Ford
Educators for Equality Representative
Lowndes County Citizen

Community concerns — Harry Sanders resignation

No action taken

VIII.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread onto the minutes Surety Bonds for Gaylon Downs, South Gate Sewer District; Don Richardson, Appointed Narcotic Agent; and Timothy Brian Jenkins, Criminal Investigator; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread onto the minutes Justice Court Reports; Administrative Fee Remittance, Interest Earned & Financial Remittances; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.

**Teresa Barksdale
Lowndes County Circuit Clerk**

A. Circuit Court Jury Selection Location Change

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the August term of Circuit Court Jury Selection location to the Trotter Convention center due to Covid-19 at no cost to the county; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained.

X.

**Ronnie Burns
Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the June 2020 Road Department reports and work schedule for July 2020; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the following new hires:

Theapalus Hairston as Class II Driver beginning 27 July 2020, with salary of \$16.04/hour; Tizujmon Young as Litter Control crew member beginning 15 July 2020, with salary of \$12/hour; Matthew Washington Litter Control crew member beginning 15 July 2020, with salary of \$12/hour; Demontrell Lowe as Litter Control crew member on 15 July 2020 with salary of \$12/hour; Jarvis Sanders as Litter Control crew members on 6 July 2020, with salary of \$12/hour - all new hires with 6 month probationary period; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. PLN Funds for Lawrence Bridge and Martin Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the Amended Resolution in reference to Martin Road and Lawrence Bridge, Caledonia, Lowndes County, project \$5,000.00 needed for materials from PLN funds; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.

Bob Calvert

Lowndes County Engineer

A. Approval of Street Plans for Collums Subdivision

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the Street Plans for Collums Subdivision; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-1 Supervisor Smith abstained and Supervisor Brooks left meeting. (Plans are too large for filming – County Engineer has retained originals)

B. Caledonia Natural Gas Utility Permit for Duncan Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the Caledonia Natural Gas District Permit Application for $\frac{3}{4}$ natural gas service line on Duncan Road; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-1 Supervisor Smith abstained and Supervisor Brooks left meeting. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. East Lowndes Utility Permit for Thaxton Road and Halbert Road

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the East Lowndes Utility Permit for Water Main on Thaxton and Halbert roads; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-1 Supervisor Smith abstained and Supervisor Brooks left meeting. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. East Lowndes Agreement for Wolfe Road Project

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the East Lowndes Agreement for Wolfe Road Project – Addendum to Permit Application; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII.

Eddie Hawkins

Lowndes County Sheriff

A. June 2020 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the June 2020 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the following new hires; Robert Austin Johnson as Detention Officer with rate of pay \$13.42/hour; Brian Jenkins as Detective with rate of pay \$21.30/hour; and Don Richardson as Narcotics Agent with rate of pay \$21.30/hour; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Contract Renewals

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Investigator Contract between MBN and Lowndes County Sheriff's Office for Brian Turner and James Kevin Forrester; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII.

Ralph Billingsley

Lowndes County Administrator

A. MASIT Trustee Election Ballot

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the MASIT Trustee Election Ballot; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Real Property Contract (BOS – Strickland Appraisals) 2021-2024

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the Real Property Contract Strickland Appraisals 2021-2024; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Mapping Contract (BOS – Tri-State Mapping) 2021-2024

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the Mapping Contract with Tri-State Mapping 2021-2024; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2 Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Discussion Potential County Mask Requirement

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to table the County Mask discussion until next board meeting scheduled for 3 August 2020, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

XIV.

Harry Sanders

Lowndes County Supervisor District 1

A. Application for TRVWMD

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to appoint Joe Brooks to the TRVWMD to replace Tommy Johnson who retired July 2020; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-1 Supervisor Brooks, abstained (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated

B. 911 Board Meeting

Discussion no action taken.

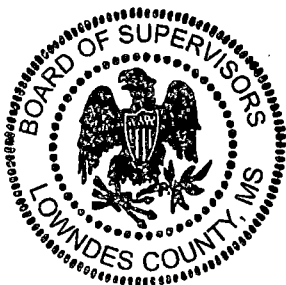
C. Covid-19 Policy

Discussion no action taken.

XV

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn until August 3rd, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.



ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

John Holliman

JOHN HOLLIMAN, Board Vice-President