

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

August 3rd, 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 3rd day of August, 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, Trip Hairston, Supervisor District 2
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

I

Adopt Agenda

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adopt agenda as amended with changes; 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 July 15th & July 27th, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the July 15th & July 27th, 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 July 31, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes county claims docket period ending July 31, 2020. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Permission to borrow money for Road Department equipment

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to grant permission to borrow money for road department equipment. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0

- C. Surplus Asset

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to declare items surplus property. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. Accept donation

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve donation from 4-County Electric Power Association in the amount \$9,649.50 for the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
Reverend Ron Houston
And
Lowndes County Concerned Citizens

Comments and concerns Harry Sanders resignation. No action taken.

V.
Dr. Scott Alsobrooks
EMCC President

Update – EMCC no action taken

VI
Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector

A. Present 2020 Tax Rolls (Real and Personal)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread on the minutes the 2020 Tax Rolls Real and Personal; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Lowndes Properties I, II, III, LLC and Leigh Ms. Mall, LLC. appeals

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to spread on the minutes the appeals from Lowndes Properties I, II, III, LLC. And Leigh Ms. Mall, LLC; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Final Public Hearing on 2020 Tax Rolls

Motion by Supervisor Hairston set the final public hearing on 2020 Tax Rolls Real & Personal for Monday, 31st August 2020, 9:30 a.m. This will be the last day to protest the 2020 real and personal tax roll values; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
George Crawford
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

A. Approval of Authorized Signatures for ARC, DIP and Rail Loan Funding for SDI Rail Project; Close-Out Package; & Rail Spur Construction Change Order

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the authorized signatures of Cindy Goode, Chancery Clerk and Lloyd Price, Chief Financial Officer to sign cash request forms and other project related reports and documents related to these projects: DIP-401; ARC #MS-19400; and Rail Loan #18-044-RR-01; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the Close-Out Package for Small Municipals (SMLPC); Rural Impact Fund (RIF) and Development Infrastructure (DIP) Programs; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Smith abstained. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the Rail Spur Construction Changer Order to Steel Dynamics, Inc.; Second by Supervisor

Holliman. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Smith & Supervisor Brooks abstained
(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.

**Sherry Guyton
Lowndes County Election Commissioner**

Announce pay increase for Poll Workers and Election Commissioners on
Election Day.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the pay increase of \$50.00 as
additional pandemic pay for poll workers and election commissioners
pursuant to House Bill 824; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.
(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.

**Teresa Barksdale
Lowndes County Circuit Clerk**

- A. Announce new temporary precinct for November election

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the new temporary precinct
of Columbus Christian Center, 146 South McCrary Road instead of
Trinity, only for the 3 November 2020 election due to the pandemic;
Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

- B. Announce Special Election for House District 37 Vacant seat

Information only – no action taken.
(Writ of Election by Governor attached as Exhibit M hereto and
incorporated herein)

X.

**Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk**

- A. Unclaimed Funds

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept into the General Fund
unclaimed funds from previous Chancery Clerk; Chancery Court
Department \$34,561.26 and Land Redemption Department
\$26,757.82; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

- B. 16th Section Land Leases

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes
16th Section Land Leases for Eber F. Jenkins III and wife and Angela
Gregory; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.
(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Caledonia Energy Partners, LLC objection 2020 tax assessment

Presentation by Sheldon G. Alston – Brunini Attorneys at Law
objection attached as Exhibit O hereto and incorporated herein)

No action taken

- D. Property Tax Associates, Inc. objection 2020 tax assessment

No one present from Property Tax Associates, Inc. – appeal attached as
Exhibit P hereto and incorporated herein)

No action taken

XI.

Ronnie Burns

Lowndes County Road Manager

- A. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the position change of Randle White as Class I Driver on 4 August 2020 with a rate of \$17.04 per hour. Randle White promoted from a #2 driver. His pay will be broken down as follows: 7/27/2020 through 8/3/2020 will be 50 hours at a pay rate of \$16.04 = \$802.00 and August 4-6, 2020 will be a 30 hour at a pay rate of \$17.04 = \$511.20; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII.

Bob Calvert

Lowndes County Engineer

- A. SAP Road Program divided into two (2) projects

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the SAP Road Project to be divided into two (2) projects; Project No SAP 44(11)M Overlay CSE#220037 Spruill Road, Caledonia-Kolola Road, Spivey Road & Waverly Ferry Road – Project No SAP 44(12)M Overlay CSE#220096 Gunshoot Road, Tarlton Road & West Point Road (aka Old West Point Road); Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Authorize Advertisement for Equine Center Parking Project

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize the advertisement of bids for parking project for the Equine Center September 8th, 2020; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Authorize Advertisement of Charleigh Ford Drive APL-0044(36)B Project

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize the advertisement of bids for Charleigh Ford Drive APL-0044(36)B Project September 15th, 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. Caledonia Water Utility Permit – Jemison Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the Caledonia Water Utility Permit for a water service line on Jemison Road; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Smith & Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- E. Caledonia Natural Gas Utility Permit – Gurliè Malone Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the Caledonia Natural Gas Utility Permit for a natural gas line along Gurliè Malone Road; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Smith & Supervisor Brooks abstained (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII.

Eddie Hawkins Lowndes County Sheriff

- A. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the new hire of Johnny Lynn Egger as Detention Officer on 27 July 2020 with a rate of \$13.42 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Two Sole Sources

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve PTS Solutions, Inc. as sole source provider for WinJustice Incident Solutions software currently in place at the Lowndes County Sheriff's office; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve Axon Enterprise, Inc. as the sole provider for all TASER brand products and it is compatible with software currently in place at the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Y attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV.
Ralph Billingsley
Lowndes County Administrator

Announcement of Link Board Openings – to take applications for two (2) positions– no action taken

XV.
Leroy Brooks
Supervisor District 5

Discussion of Quitclaim Deeds from City of Columbus for monument relocation – no action taken

Update from Mr. Bob Calvert, Lowndes County Engineer weight and relocation of monument – no action taken

XVI.
Harry Sanders
Supervisor District 1

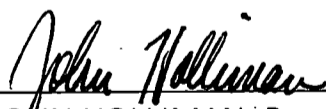
Meeting of the 911 Board

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to schedule a meeting of the 911 Board Monday, 17th August 2020, 10:00 a.m. after the regularly scheduled board meeting; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

XVII
Recess

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess until August 17th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.





JOHN HOLLIMAN, Board Vice President


Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

