

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**COUNTY OF LOWNDES**

**August 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**MINUTE BOOK 367**

**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 17<sup>TH</sup> 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
Brent Swan	Chief Sheriff's Deputy
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  
Adopt Agenda**

**A. Agenda Review**

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**B. Board Attorney Tim Hudson requested Executive Session.**

**II**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County CFO**

- A. County Claims docket period ending August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes county claims docket period ending August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Second by Supervisor Sanders. . Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV**  
**Roger Larsen**  
**Lowndes County Concerned Citizen**

Comments regarding monument. No action taken.

**V.**  
**LaVonne Harris**  
**President NAACP**

Comments and concerns – Harry Sanders resignation. No action taken.

**VI**  
**Jarius Chatman**  
**Lowndes County Address Coordinator**

- A. New Private Roads – District One

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the new private roads in District One: Wing Pass (Wolfe Creek Villas – Kenny Frye) and Colton Cove (New Subdivision – Allen Jones); Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII**  
**Greg Andrews**  
**Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector**

A. Approval of 2020 Tax Rolls Real and Personal

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve 2020 Tax Rolls Real and Personal; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Tax Refund – Larry Colvin (Mobile Home)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the tax refund of \$484.16 that were double assessed for mobile home taxes and real property taxes on same mobile home; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Presentation of Proposed County School budget – No action taken.

**VIII.**  
**George Crawford**  
**Golden Triangle Planning & Development District**

A. Approve Payment of SDI Rail Construction Invoices

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve payment for invoices of SDI Rail Construction for \$200,352.16 and Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc. for \$30,840.55; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

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

A. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the following Justice Court Reports for July, 2020: fees collected from collection agency MSB/Gila in the amount of \$1,265.18 and check in the amount of \$45.00 for unclaimed funds; fees collected for interest earned on checking account with Bankfirst Financial Services in the amount of \$371.61 for the month of July, 2020; and Civil Collections in the amount of \$14,794.86 and Criminal Collections in the amount of \$86,429.52; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Reports for the month of July, 2020 for \$5,999.48; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the following Surety bonds: Latoya Straughter Evans, Columbus Municipal School District; John Carol Compton, Appointed Patrol Deputy; and Jemarco Harris, Appointed Deputy Sheriff; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X.**

**Ronnie Burns**

**Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. Permission to Advertise Reseal and Stripe Plum Grove Road

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to grant permission to advertise for resealing Plum Grove Road; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Brooks abstained. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to grant permission to advertise for striping Plum Grove Road; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Smith abstained. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Totaled truck as surplus

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to remove 2009 F150 Ford truck title #F154475-01 from inventory and declare as surplus; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained.

**XI.**

**Bob Calvert**

**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Airport Road Agreement

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the Airport Road Agreement subject to review of said agreement; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained.

- B. Caledonia Water Utility Permits: Spruill Road; Stevens Road; & Henry Wells Road

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the Caledonia Water Utility Permits for Spruill, Stevens and Henry Wells Roads for water service lines; Second by Supervisor Sanders Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Update on Confederate Monument

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to file Notice of Intent with Mississippi Department of Archives & History for moving the confederate monument structure to a designated site at Friendship Cemetery; Second by Supervisor Sanders Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. Update on Charleigh Ford ARC Project Advertisement

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to grant permission to advertisement for Charleigh Ford ARC Project 15 September 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained.

## **XII.**

### **Brent Swan Chief Deputy Sheriff**

- A. New Hires (3)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the new hires of John Carl Compton as Deputy effective date 19 August 2020 at a rate of \$17.50/hour; Jemarco Harris as Deputy effective date 17 August 2020 at a rate of \$17.50/hour; and Richard Hunter McBride as Reserve Deputy effective date 11 August 2020 at a rate of \$10.00/hour; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. July 2020 Meal Log

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

- C. Request to Apply for Homeland Security Grant

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to authorize the Sheriff's Department to apply for Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$96,000.00; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained.

**XIII.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Assistant County Administrator**

A. Approval of Labor Day Holiday

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as Labor Day Holiday; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Smith abstained.

B. COVID Policy

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt and spread on the minutes the COVID Policy for county employees Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIV.**  
**Leroy Brooks**  
**Supervisor District 5**

Discussion of County Administrator Ralph Billingsley and Jay Fisher to have the authority where they see fit to call police or sheriff's department if person or persons are loitering in their offices and not conducting business; County Covid-19 Policy, Governor's Executive Order and social distancing in board room during board meetings.

No action taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Harry Sanders.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into executive session to discuss two (2) pending legal matters. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

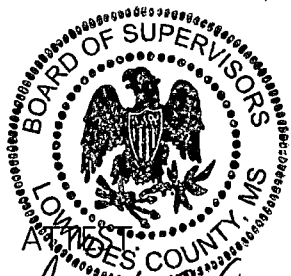
No action taken.

Motion by Supervisor Hariston to allow Board Attorney Tim Hudson to file an answer to one of the legal matters; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Supervisor Smith abstained.

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

XV  
Recess

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to recess until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks & Smith left  
meeting.



*John Holliman*  
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JOHN HOLLIMAN, Board Vice President

*Cindy E. Goode*  
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Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk